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Briefly

Open house at 3 fire stations

The Granite City Fire Department will be holding an open house through Friday, Oct. 11, at all three engine houses from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily.

The public is invited to view fire equipment and meet the firefighters and paramedics.

There will be a simulated car wreck rescue at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the main fire station at 2300 Madison Ave.

The other stations are at 2231 Richmond Ave. and 2700 Rock Road.

Storytime for young children

The Granite City Library has begun its Storytime for the fall season.

The series offers preschool children the opportunity to experience literature, music and book-related crafts in a fun-filled, inviting setting.

Storytime will continue Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the main library, 2001 Delmar Ave., and 3:30 p.m. at the branch library, 2145 Johnson Road. For more information, persons may call 452-6238.

Tip of the hat



C.R. Wells of Granite City recently received a first-place award in the 1991 Illinois Secretary of State's Antique Auto and Sports Car Show. Wells was honored for his 1963 Corvair in the Special Merit class. There were 211 antique vehicles and sports cars entered in the event. The award was presented by Secretary of State George H. Ryan.

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Katrina Meshach, a staff member at Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project, adjusts the harness of a Harris Hawk during a flight demonstration. (Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Raptor project holding open house

Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project Inc., which recently made a presentation at Granite City's Outer Classroom, will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27.

Raptor, the Latin term for "to seize or grasp," is another name for bird of prey. Raptors include hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, eagles, condors and kites.

The goal of the RRPP, according to Walter C. Crawford Jr., the executive director, is to "provide leadership and knowledge in the preservation of birds of prey."

"We are attempting to reverse some of the abuse that man has inflicted upon these noble birds," he said.

Heart attack proves fatal to Paul Hawkins

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Instead of attending a Finance Committee meeting Tuesday afternoon at Madison County Board members paid their last respects to Paul Hawkins.

Hawkins, 64, who served as the county's building zoning and environmental services administrator for nearly 25 years, died at 4:10 p.m. Sunday in an Alton hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Visitation was held Tuesday at Grant Funeral Home, 2409 State St., Alton, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today.

"He was a good employee, a good person and a very nice close personal friend," said Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer, D-Granite City.

"He knew his job and did it well — he helped a lot of people."

Hagnauer said Madison County's Attorney William Haine would be naming an acting

director this week to temporarily replace Hawkins.

"It's going to be very hard to find a replacement," Hagnauer said. "I don't know how soon we'll begin until I meet with some committees and see what we're going to do."

Hawkins' death came as a shock to many officials, including Alan Dunstan, D-Troy, who had just seen him at a fund-raiser Thursday night.

"It's a true loss for Madison County," Dunstan said. "Even outside the courthouse Paul was the nicest person you'd ever want to meet."

Dunstan said that Hawkins "caught everybody off guard" and drove home a conservationist. Dunstan had been with Hawkins in the last few months.

"He had talked about it a few years retiring," Dunstan said. "Now he doesn't have that opportunity."

Robert Stille, D-Edwardsburg, said Hawkins' personality and

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Hardee's Restaurants provide aprons for Old Newsboys Day

Hardee's Restaurants will again provide a helping hand for the Old Newsboys Day fund drive. Thanks to the generosity of this community, it's easy to spot the Old Newsboys and Newsgirls Nov. 21.

For the third consecutive year, Hardee's Restaurants is providing customized aprons to help volunteers. Those souls that brave the elements to hawk special edition papers will also receive a free "sausage biscuit breakfast from Hardee's.

"The donation from Hardee's Restaurants is a substantial contribution since there are more than 8,000 volunteers," Thomas Rice, president of the Suburban Journals, said. "We appreciate their generosity in providing this traditional symbol of the Old

Newsboys Day volunteer."

The bright orange and blue aprons serve several purposes. They set the Old Newsboys apart from the crowd. And, it's hard to miss. And, on what is often one of the coldest days of the season, they provide an extra layer of warmth.

The aprons are also equipped with a handy front pocket for collecting donations. Every penny paid for an Old Newsboys Day newspaper benefits local children's charities.

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NEWS



Kevin Horrigan

A real world problem! What to do with Ozzie

Good morning, doctor. Thank you for agreeing to see me on short notice. My problem is I can't stop worrying about Ozzie Smith.

The couch? Yes, it's very nice. Oh, you want me to lie down on it. Sure. OK, the way I figure it, a man charged with explaining the world in 750 words once a week has bigger fish to fry than Ozzie Smith, right?

I mean, what the heck, doc? I must be crazy to be worrying about a millionaire athlete. I should be worried about homie's rats. Or about controversies. Or Tadzhikistan, whatever that is. Or how to open an account in the House Bank so I can bounce checks like Curly Neal used to bounce basketballs.

And yet I can't help myself. I keep returning to Ozzie Smith. The Cardinals have an option on his services for 1992, you know, doc. If they pick up that option, Ozzie will have to play here another year for \$2.2 million.

Yes, doc, not even psychiatrists make that much money. But you don't have to retire when you're 40 or so, doc. Ozzie's getting close to the end of line. He'll be 37 the day after Christmas and he wants a new contract now. He had a good year and he wants to cash in.

That's the problem, doc. Where does loyalty lie? Should I be loyal to Ozzie, loyal to the Cardinals? I mean, he did put a gun to his head and made him sign that contract three years ago, the one with the option year. On the other hand, he's meant a lot to the team. Shouldn't they stand by him, hand him a new contract? Let him finish his career here?

Whatever happened to loyalty, doc? Here's a guy, Robert Gates, wants to run the CIA. All of his ex-associates have come before the Senate Intelligence Committee and crucified him. Where is their loyalty?

And what about Gorbachev? He made a guy his vice president and next thing you know, the guy's plotting a coup against him.

It's all so confusing, doc, and Ozzie's right in the middle of it. I dream about him, testifying against Gates. And then I see him standing on the Kremlin Wall with a birthmark on his head.

I don't know what's happened to Ozzie. Leaves. He'd have to close his restaurant. He might stop doing those commercials for Johnny Londoff Chevrolet. His book sales would plummet. His video sales would go in the tank.

Everyone I meet is concerned about Ozzie. "How you doin'?" they ask. "What's the deal with Ozzie?" Or, "What are they going to do with Ozzie? You want fries with that?"

For God's sake, don't worry about Ozzie.

I've been writing about Ozzie Smith for 10 years, doc. The last time I saw him, a couple of weeks ago, he told me he was going somewhere to hide after the baseball season and let the weirdness die down. Easy for him to say. Where am I going to hide?

I went to see him at Busch last Wednesday, just in case it turned out to be his last home game with the Cardinals. He went turned out and didn't even turn his famous backflip, so I knew he was upset. I didn't turn one either.

He is the most remarkable athlete I've ever known, simply because he is so much better than he ought to be. No one ought to be able to do things he's done on a baseball field, especially a man going on 37 years old.

I tried weight-training developed gruelling grounders, he swilled fast-food-carbohydrate drinks, he tried bizarre implements like swivel-spikes and top-hand bats and bats that had umbrellas on them. Assuming he took 100 ground balls a day over eight months in each of the 10 years he's spent with the Cardinals, he fielded nearly a quarter-million grounders, just in practice.

I did all this because he has this strange, prickly pride in himself. He has this big chip on his shoulder. Tell him he can't do something, he wants to prove you wrong. But it also makes his feelings very tender. And now his feelings are hurt.

What should I think, doc? Should I tell him to suck it up and stop whining? Or should I tell the Cardinals to suck it up and pay him what he wants? Where does loyalty lie?

I keep seeing images of the last plowboys in my head, when Ozzie turns the wall Tom Niedenauer fastball and hits it over the right field wall and Jack Buck is screaming, "Go, crazy, folks! Go crazy!"

I'm afraid I have.

(Kevin Horrigan is co-host of "The Morning Meeting" on KMOX Radio from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.)

FIRST GRANITE CITY SAVINGS

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Monday, Oct. 14

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**What's New
Coming In Your Journal**

Literacy

The third part of the Journal's in-depth look at modern-day illiteracy appears in next Wednesday's Journal.

Striking?

See the Thursday Press-Record and Sunday Press-Record/Journal for the latest developments in the threat by Madison Street Department workers to strike over a contract dispute.

Police log

Granite City

School burglarized

A 29-year-old Lincoln Place man arrested at 4:09 a.m. Thursday at Prather Elementary School and was charged with burglary and was being held on another charge as well.

Officers responded to an alarm at the school, 2300 West 25th Street, and secured the perimeter of the building while awaiting a K-9 officer and Max, the police dog.

Max located Robert E. Borden, of the 1700 block of Chestnut Street, in a teachers lounge in the building, according to a police report. A computer check on Borden revealed he was warned by Jefferson City, Mo. police on a parole-violation warrant.

Borden was subsequently charged with burglary.

Principal Bob Bischoff told police nothing appeared to be missing from the school building.

Gun missing

Kenneth Hunter, 44, of Grenzer Homes in Madison, reported a .44 caliber Derringer was discovered missing from the trunk of his white 1988 Mercury Cougar at 9 a.m. Sept. 26 after shopping at the Granite City National Supermarket. The value of the gun was estimated at \$975.

Tools stolen

Joseph Spanberger, 28, of Nassau Street, reported two tool boxes containing tools, with a total value of \$700, were taken from the back of his gray 1987 Chevrolet pickup truck between Sept. 12-16.

Lottery thief alleged

Ronald L. Dunnivant Jr., 18, of the 1600 block of Edison Avenue, and Paul D. Gavin, 25, of 1600 block of Edison, were arrested at 3 p.m. Oct. 2 at a house in the 1700 block of Delmar Avenue on warrants charging them with theft of over \$300 value.

Bond on each was set at \$50,000.

Capt. Kip Pomery said Dunnivant and Gavin are alleged to have possessed more than \$300 worth of lottery tickets taken in

a burglary in Columbia, Ill.

Six injured in accident

An accident on Nameoki Road in front of the Kirkpatrick Homes housing project at about 8:10 a.m. Oct. 3 resulted in injuries to both drivers and four children passengers.

According to a police report, a 1978 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Judith L. Colp, 28, of the 2800 block of Kirkpatrick, and her son, 10, were pulled into traffic on Nameoki from a driveway in the housing project and was struck by a southbound white 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Treva M. Dickerman, 38, of the 100 block of Wilson Park Lane.

Colp and four children in her car, William Colp, 12, and Ashley Colp, 7, both of the 2800 block of Kirkpatrick, Nick S. Wilson, 10, of the 4400 block of Kirkpatrick, and Ashley Rippey, 7, of the 4800 block of Kirkpatrick, were taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

Dickerman was also taken to the hospital, treated and released.

A fifth child in the Colp car and two children in the Dickerman car were uninjured.

Judith Colp was ticketed for failure to yield to avoid an accident.

Juvenile arrested

A 16-year-old Pontoon Beach boy, wanted on 21 warrants in Florida, was arrested near Granite City High School at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 2.

An officer dispatched to the school, where the boy had attempted to register for classes, stopped a 1979 Chevrolet pickup truck at 1000 block of Iowa and 30th streets and arrested the boy, a passenger in his father's vehicle.

According to Capt. Kip Pomery, the warrants out of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office in Dade City, Fla., include failure to appear in court on eight charges of burglary, grand theft; failure to appear on seven charges of armed robbery, grand theft, and failure to appear on a burglary charge and on battery against a law enforcement officer.

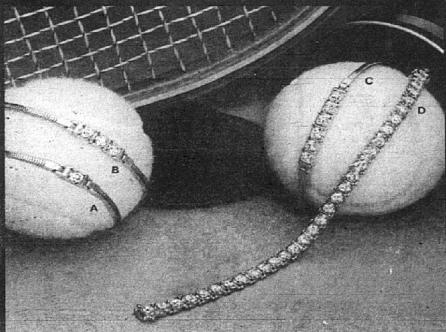
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Grand jury has not heard racial graffiti evidence

As vandalism which are directed at a person because of race, color, creed, religion or other beliefs or lifestyles.

Von Nida said there may have been some confusion regarding grand jury action in the case last week because the grand jury had issued a subpoena for photos taken by the *Granite City Press-Record/Journal*.

The subpoena was not needed because the photographs had already been turned over to the Granite City Police Department, newspaper officials said.

The subpoena was issued for the photos which may "aid" the Granite City Police Department in pursuing the case under the Illinois "hate crimes" law, which covers actions such

Fears sued by food supplier

A Pennsylvania food supplier has filed a suit against Illinois businessman Gary Fears, seeking more than \$256,000 the company claims it is owed for "foodstuff and other items."

The suit was filed in Madison

County

Court by Monarch/Sky Bros., a division of J.P. Food Service, based in Altoona, Pa.

Fears declined comment Friday, saying that he had not yet seen the suit.

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The Wednesday Granite City Journal and the Sunday Home Journal are free distribution products that are also available by mail each week to out-of-town residents, 6 months for \$68.90; 12 months for \$137.80.

Advertising Deadlines:

Display: Sunday issue — Thursday at 3 p.m.
Wednesday issue — Friday at 3 p.m.
Thursday issue — Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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Farm becomes first property in state sold under drug law

A former marijuana farm will be a secluded family home for a couple who became the first buyers in the state of seized property under new drug law.

The 40-acre farm in scenic rolling hills near Blue Ridge Road was sold Thursday for \$63,000 to a couple who plan to fix up the farm house and later build a new home there.

The rural Alton property was forfeited to the state last year by the owner, who pleaded guilty to a minor marijuana charge and paid \$10 in fines and costs.

The property is the first forfeited real estate sold under the law that allows the state to take possession of property of drug dealing suspects.

The money from the sale will be diverted among law enforcement agencies.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said the forfeiture law will help defray the cost of enforcement.

"There's no question that it helps law enforcement, and it helps raise the cost of doing business for drug traffickers," he said.

David L. Gunter forfeited the property in November under provisions of the state's cannabis control act. Haine said the property was used to produce marijuana.

Police searched the property in September 1990 and found 30 to 40 burned marijuana stalks in the ground, 15 cut plants in the home's basement and a quantity of seeds.

Gunter later pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and was

sentenced to a year of court supervision and ordered to pay a fine and surcharge of \$38 and \$62 costs.

The cannabis control act was amended in September 1990 to allow forfeiture of real estate used in cannabis production.

Sale of the property was handled by Gary Crane, an agent with the Charles J. Hemphill Real Estate Co. of Alton.

Crane declined to name the high bidder, but said they got a beautiful place to build a home.

The couple did not want to reveal their identity because the property was being sold recently by a couple hoping to find remnants of the marijuana grown on the farm. "They would even get the wrong farm and bother the neighbors," Crane said.

However, the marijuana plants have long been destroyed, he emphasized.

Crane said the property drew considerable interest. The house and two outbuildings need repair, he said.

The Hemphill agency has been designated to sell forfeited property in this area for the Illinois State Police. He said the agency

— From the Alton Telegraph

500 businesses to participate in job fair

About 50 large and small businesses will be in Collinsville Friday looking for new employees to fill open positions.

Those businesses will be available at a job fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gateway Center in Collinsville to provide application and pre-interview opportunities. The fair is open to the public with free admission and free parking.

"We have written and contacted employers in the metro area who are seeking employees and have given them the opportunity to have a booth at the fair," said

Dan Churovich, administrator for the Madison County Employment and Training Department.

All employers at the fair will be looking for employees, Churovich said.



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Fire prevention — Fire Capt. Robert Dawes prepares to pull the fire alarm at Wilson Elementary School as part of a surprise fire drill. The drill was part of local Fire Prevention Week activities.

Business booms in Belle's 2nd week

The Alton Belle trumped itself in its second full week of gambling, posting significant increase in revenue and attendance.

The state Gaming Board reported Oct. 14 that the house had the one-week period ending at 6 a.m. Sept. 29, up 27 percent from the \$65,315 dropped at the tables and in slot machines the previous week.

The city of Alton's share — 5 percent of gambling profits and \$1 per passenger — brings its no-risk jackpot to \$11,276. Hutchinson said the city's first check for its share of the September winnings should be mailed before the end of the month.

been \$1,581,504.

The Belle is doing better at this point than it was projected in July, said Gaming Board fiscal officer Tom Hutchinson. They had predicted about \$21 million in revenues the first 16 days.

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The state is also richer, reaping \$269,429 from its 15 percent of gaming revenue and \$1 per admission.

The Gaming Board reported 14,047 boarded the Belle the second week, up from 11,026 the first full week of operation, Sept. 16-22. The board also reported a total of 32,203 from the start of cruises through Sept. 29.

Daily attendance last week ranged from a low of 1,335 to a high of 2,007.

— From the Alton Telegraph

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'Rerun' returns for visit today

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

Project Clean Up Drugs and Alcohol will welcome a special visitor to Venice — Fred "Rerun" Berry — on Wednesday Oct. 9.

Berry, known to fans as "Rerun" from the hit 1970s television show "What's Happening," is remembered fondly by many viewers.

"The kids native will visit the Venice schools and make seven stops in the community to greet residents," said the Rev. John Henry Williams, program director for Project Cleanup.

Berry will start his tour of Venice at 9:15 a.m. Oct. 9 at the McKinley Bridge Office. From there, he will stop at the Venice Legion Center, 323 Broadway, and then on to the Venice Senior Citizens Center at Brown and Klein streets.

He will make a brief appearance at the Lee Wright Homes office building, travel along Weaver Street to the schools, where he will stop for a short visit before going to the Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307. Residents are invited to welcome Berry along the way.

The actor and musician's final stop will be at the Venice High School gymnasium, where he will speak to students only assembly at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Project Cleanup was founded by the Rev. O.V. Carter. The program is dedicated to help fight drug addiction and alcohol abuse and to help those who want to be helped.

Berry now suffers drug addiction from personal experiences, he said. He recommitted his life to God in 1984 and his activities now includes anti-drug programs that take him on speaking engage-



ments all over the country.

Berry has also established a boys home in St. Louis called the Fred "Rerun" Berry Boys Homes, run by the Marpoza Group, a nonprofit organization. The home is for abused and neglected children, the actor said during a recent visit here.

Known for his rough and dirty alcohol, he is the main focus of his attention nowadays as he talks with youngsters all across the country.

"I think love and education are the two ways to fight against drugs," Berry said.

"Most kids don't know what it's about until it's too late. If they are educated and told that they are loved, the majority of kids will repel them (drugs)," he said recently.

In May, Berry released his first album of contemporary gospel music. The album released on the independent Christian label, Praise Records, includes 10 songs, five of which Berry wrote, he said.

Rerun is still involved with television and is working on several pilot series. He is also writing the theme song for a show called "Everything is Relative." He plays the relatives.

Currently, Rerun is writing a book about his life and experiences and hopes to get it adapted to film when completed.

County GOP to salute Bush Oct. 29

A "Salute to President Bush" dinner and reception will be held at di Romero's Restaurant across the street from Eastgate Plaza in East Alton at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29.

The announcement was made by Dr. Edward W. Ragsdale, chairman of the Madison County Republican Committee.

William "Bucky" Bush, brother of President George Bush, and George "Bert" Walker, a cousin of the president, will be

featured speakers at the dinner.

Both Bush and Walker are prominent St. Louis businessmen who communicate with the press daily regularly. Walker is running for a Congressman to oppose Rep. Joan Kuhl Horn in Missouri's Second District.

Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. dinner are \$20 per person.

Tickets are \$50 each for dinner and a special contributions reception between 5:15 and 6:15

where those attending can meet and discuss issues with Bush and Walker.

Tickets are available from Dr. Ragsdale, 4429 Friarwood Drive, Alton, Ill. 62202, \$20 per person, or from Cecil Miller and Eleanor Schulte at the Madison County Republican Headquarters, 301-C North Main St., Edwardsville, Ill. 62025, phone 692-1930.

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Committee.

Next he will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees' Personnel Committee on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

"I am optimistic that I will be able to recommend to the board a very good set of companies and prices for 1992," Friedrich said.

He declined to discuss the content of the bids.

The Personnel Committee will take its recommendation on the insurance bids to the Board of Trustees at its Oct. 16 meeting.

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Bathon receives national award

Fred Bathon, Madison County auditor, recently received a national award recognizing his efforts in improving the system of investments for Madison County.

In a brief ceremony before the Madison County Board, Board Chairman Nelson Nagtegaal congratulated Bathon and presented him with a plaque from the National Association of Counties.

Hagmayer thanked Bathon for the idea that led to the development and implementation of a countywide funds investment system for which the achievement award was granted.

The award is given annually for programs that successfully address a significant concern of county government. It was one of only three such NACo awards given in Illinois in 1991.

For many years, the county

has pooled investments in order to get higher interest rates. Bathon said. However, he said, the county has a tendency to keep higher balances in lower yielding interest-bearing accounts in order to provide for required liquidity.

Bathon's system of funds consolidation makes it possible to invest some of these balances at higher rates.

His system also makes it possible to make investments for longer periods of time and contribute more interest.

A conservative estimate of \$35,000 reflects the annual increased interest revenues that are now earned annually, Bathon said.

Although the main objective of the program was to make it possible to improve investment yields, several other benefits

have resulted. According to Bathon, it has contributed to better long-term investment planning. Although it is very difficult to anticipate the cash requirements of specific funds, the average needs of all funds is much more predictable.

Making fewer transactions in bigger amounts has also enhanced communications as well as reduced related data entry and paperwork for certain personnel, he said. Several functions that were previously performed manually are now computerized.

This is the second time Bathon has been recognized in recent months. Earlier, he received an award for a completely different project related to improved methods in annual reporting by the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada.

BAC accepts bids on employee insurance

By Jim Haverstick
Staff writer

Belleville Area College accepted bids last week from insurance carriers wishing to provide employee benefit packages for the 335 full-time faculty and staff members of the college.

Bids were opened at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, for insurance plans including medical, life, supplemental life, accidental death or dismemberment, long-term disability and dependent life insurance, said Larry Friedrich, BAC director of personnel.

Friedrich will review the bids with insurance consultant Scott Gray of Rollins, Burdick and Hunter, insurance group in St. Louis.

Then Friedrich will discuss the benefit packages with the Employee Benefit Advisory

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Madison accepts Dunbar School

After alleviating concerns that it would inherit liability along with the building, the Madison City Council adopted a resolution last week accepting the old Dunbar School property "as is."

The property was transferred from Madison School District 12 by action of the school board and the Madison County Regional Board of School Trustees.

The city of Venice is expected to take similar action Tuesday, Oct. 8, to accept part of the property. The school grounds are within the city limits of both Madison and Venice.

The former school, built in the 1920s, has been used as a storage facility and the buildings on the property are in the process of being condemned for demolition by both cities.

Madison intends to give the property to a developer, who will have the old school building razed and then build and develop six to eight units of residential housing on the lots, according to Mayor John Bellcoff.

Venice has studied possible use of a newer annex to the school. Mayor Tyrone Echols of Venice could not be reached for comment.

—Madison County Regional Superintendent of

Schools Harry Briggs explained that, when the regional board adopted a resolution to convey the property Aug. 6, an indemnification clause was included in the resolution. Madison School District 12 retains the liability for the property should anyone come forward with an asbestos or other lawsuit.

Madison Superintendent of Schools Dan Kostenski said, "I really am not too worried about the liability ... The building has been closed 10 years now."

Asked about the possibility of an asbestos suit, Kostenski said there was in fact very little asbestos in the building — it was mainly used as insulation in steam pipes — and he doesn't anticipate any problems.

School District 12 Attorney John Papa said it would not be prudent to comment on liability questions in a blanket statement, although he admitted that the question of liability "has been considered."

He said the nature of any claim, the timeliness of the claim, and the insurance coverage existing at the time of any incident would have to be considered when determining liability.

State cash flow situation remains terrible, comptroller's office says

State government has paid off more than \$750 million in bills from before July 1, but another \$270 million has yet to be paid.

The cash flow situation remains terrible, said Rick Davis, spokesman for state Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch. The state is \$1.2 billion behind, although the finish of the lapse period from July 1 to Sept. 30, when the state can still pay off bills from the fiscal year that ended June 30, should relieve some pressure on the state's budget.

On Oct. 2, the state's general revenue fund account held only \$653,000, forcing the comptroller to continue delaying payment on this fiscal year's bills that have piled up to about \$270 million,

Davis said.

"It's like someone having a \$270 mortgage payment due and they only have 65 cents," he said.

The state typically spends \$30 million to \$50 million a day if it has the money.

But it will take a long time to make any dent in the current bill unless Gov. Jim Edgar changes his mind and agrees to change his mind and agree to

Netsch's request to borrow money, Davis said. Netsch had earlier called for borrowing at least \$200 million but Davis said now as much as \$300 million is needed.

—From the Alton Telegraph

Davis said priority is being given to paying off overdue bills to small Medicaid providers, such as pharmacists and nursing homes. The delay in paying Medicaid bills is running at least 120 days, Davis added.

Wednesday, he said, the comptroller's office does not have many of the Medicaid bills yet because there is such a backlog that the Department of Public Aid has been holding them. The vouchers fill so many boxes that "physically we don't have the room to store them."

"But even if we had the space we don't have the money to pay them anyway," Davis added.

—From the Alton Telegraph



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Help available for illiteracy — but not in the workplace

By Liz Quirin
Staff writer

Struggling to write a report for work or puzzling over the meaning of directions in a technical manual, some illiterate workers can't make it on the job because they're functionally illiterate.

"Many people are embarrassed because they can't read," said Shirley Williams, literacy coordinator for the St. Clair County regional superintendent of schools.

"They don't want anybody to know they can't read," Williams said.

People who are functionally illiterate are unable to understand fully and use printed information, said Diana Schmidt, executive director of Literacy Investment For Tomorrow, Missouri, a promoter of better literacy stability in individuals and in the workplace.

Functional illiterates cannot read at the 12th-grade level, follow instructions in a manual or read directions on a bottle, Schmidt said.

In Illinois, about 2 million adults are functionally illiterate, according to information from the Secretary of State's office.

Judith Rake, literacy program coordinator in Springfield, said the Secretary of State coordinates literacy grant programs and provides public information and technical assistance to busi-



nesses that want to establish workplace literacy programs.

In the local area, businesses contacted expressed interest in knowing more about state assistance for literacy programs, but said they had no such programs in place.

"We haven't seen people come in with those kinds of problems," Neff said.

Marsh Company in Belleville, with about 1,700 employees, said the hospital is interested in finding out more about the problem.

At Memorial Hospital, also in Belleville, Ann Thomure said the hospital has no plans to implement literacy programs at work.

Finally, plant managers, supervisors, identify problems and let personnel know, no one has identified anyone (who needs help)," Thomure said.

Memorial employs about 4,800

Businesses with fewer employees, like Belleville Shoe, with about 350, and Weyerhaeuser Company, Shipping Container Division in Belleville, with 135, don't have literacy programs in place at work.

"We haven't had any problems here, but that doesn't mean that doesn't exist," said Dave Neff, general manager at Weyerhaeuser.

Neal said pre-employment

Businesses are offered through the county superintendent's office or through Belleville Area College's Project Read program.

About 70 students are enrolled in the Project Read literacy program, said its coordinator, Francline Lafferty.

Next week, the *Journals* focus on one aspect of Project Read, the program run at the St. Clair County Jail.

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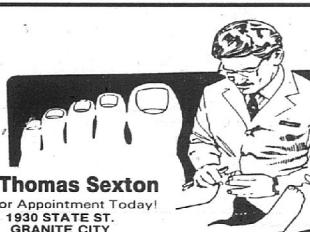
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They further stated that the recent announcement had only manufacturing location implications and that the move will serve to enhance the company's manufacturing capabilities. Local contractors and distributors will begin receiving product from LaVergne, Tennessee, not Red Bud, as this phase-out is implemented.

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School district gets \$13,909 arts grant

The Curriculum Improvement program of the Illinois State Board of Education has awarded the Granite City Community Unit School District 9 a \$13,909 grant.

The money is to be used for operations of a program under the auspices of the kindergarten through sixth grade Comprehensive Fine Arts Program grant. The grant period is from Aug. 31, 1991, to Aug. 31, 1992.

The competitive grant is awarded to school districts to develop comprehensive arts programs in grades kindergarten through six in music, drama, dance and visual arts. The curriculum program developed must include activities that have historical and cultural significance of the appreciation for and participation in each of the arts.

The district curriculum improvement program is in response to the State Board of Education resolution which advocates an arts in general program for all students. The basic philosophy of the Illinois Arts Plan calls for quality arts experiences for all students in all arts disciplines in regular, ongoing, planned curricula.

The arts motivate students and also enhance, enrich and enliven our society. Research has recognized that educational programs in the arts contribute significantly to a responsible and meaningful quality of life of children.

With the initial development of a comprehensive arts program and the expansion of existing arts programs through staff and curriculum development, it also will enable a Fine Arts

Committee, consisting of 17 elementary teachers, to gain experience in each of the arts, which will prepare them to write curriculum goals and assessment procedures to meet the state mandate.

The fine arts consultants who will discuss and demonstrate use of arts are nationally recognized experts in their respective fields.

The schedule of workshops includes:

- Oct. 11 — Comprehensive Arts Consultant Sam Davis of Project Heart in Decatur — who will present an overview of the arts by focusing on their importance and vocabulary; use scanning and hands on activities; demonstrate integrated learning units through examples; and introduce the concept of writing instructional objectives.

- Oct. 17 and 18 — Dance/Movement Consultant Barbara Heimberger, Professor of Physical Education at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb — who will demonstrate movement processes and models; show the progression of movement from one grade to the next; and work on curriculum samples and assessment procedures.

- Nov. 6 and 7 — Visual Arts Consultant Sybil Wallach from Chicago — who will deal with networking within the district through demonstration of teaching techniques during mornings and demonstration of working with kindergarten through sixth grade students during the afternoons, showing the connection of other subjects to dance as a total inte-

grative experience which allows teachers to perceive how they can develop lessons.

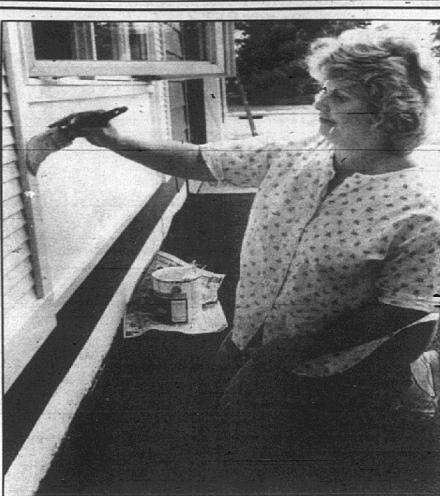
Jan. 11, 1992 — Morning session in Drama Consultant Marilyn Kinsella of Fairview Heights — who will introduce teachers to drama choir, story-telling and creative dramatics; demonstrate classroom uses of drama; and evaluate how to give positive feedback about student performance.

Afternoon presenters are Drama Consultants Vicki Oliver and Linda Hartman from Columbia City Schools — who will present drama activities to incorporate into the curriculum; show the uses of drama as a tool to teach other subjects; and demonstrate integrated learning units using the LAPs, Learning Assessment Plans.

Jan. 30 — Visual Arts Consultant Jerilyn Changer from St. Louis — who will relate kinds of activities in each of the arts to goals and how these are integrated into the classroom; give guidance in writing district visual arts objectives; review published materials; and work in the area of assessment of stu-

dents.

In addition, the grant provides for the Fine Arts Committee members to attend the Belleville Educational Service Center Region 16 series of four Fine Arts workshops offering guidance in preparing and writing curriculum. Workshops will include materials and lesson plan examples of learning objectives. Workshops are Oct. 16 — Music and Visual Arts, Nov. 4 — Drama and Nov. 25 — Dance.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

A fresh look — Vicki Sarich paints the trim of her home in the 300 block of Wilson Park Lane while her husband, Greg, paints the side of the house.

Family reading day event set

The Granite City District Library will participate in Channel 2's "Great Expectations Family Reading Day" to be held Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. in the main library, 1000 Delmar Ave.

Jeff Reiter, a firefighter from the Granite City Fire Department, will read stories to the children and show them around a fire truck parked in the library's parking lot.

While children listen to a selection of stories, their parents will talk with the librarian about how to choose books for their children and encourage them to read.

Families will sign a Great Expectations Family Reading Pledge Card promising to set aside time each week to read together.

When the families have met their reading pledge for four weeks, they can take their pledge cards to McDonald's Restaurants for a free treat (one per person).

Channel 2's "Great Expectations" is sponsored by Schnucks markets and McDonald's Restaurants.

Vital statistics

Following is the monthly report of vital statistics in Granite City reported by City Clerk Bob Stevens:

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Chamber issues awards



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Chamber honor — B C Bush, executive vice-president of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, presents Mary Brown with her Outstanding Chairman award during Thursday's meeting.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Retiring chamber of commerce women's division president Linda Holder, left, is presented a plaque for her service by new president Linda Reish.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Retiring chamber of commerce president Jack Lee, left, presents Ben Johannpeter with the presidential gavel.

Cardinals' Calendar available

The St. Louis Baseball Cardinals and the Gateway Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America have once again joined together to create the sixth annual edition of the Cardinals' Family Calendar, titled "A Stroll Through Historic Forest Park."

The 1992 edition of the calendar contains an action shot of the featured player along with a family photo taken at selected locations in Forest Park.

The 1991 edition of the sixth edition of the Cardinals' Family Calendar created by the Gateway Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

Calendars are still available at last year's price of \$7.95 per calendar, with all proceeds going towards the Leukemia Society's programs of patient assistance and research.

The Cardinals' Family Calendars are available at all Dierbergs Markets, Schnucks Markets, Venture Stores, the Sports Hall of Fame, and at the University of Missouri-St. Louis bookstore.

Mail orders are available for a additional \$1.00 for shipping and handling charge. For more information call the Leukemia Society at 878-0780 or 1-800-999-2873.

Red Ribbon campaign set Oct. 19-27

The 1991 Red Ribbon Campaign in Illinois will be held from Oct. 19-27 and Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra and his wife, Kathy, will be honorary chairmen.

The 1991 Red Ribbon message is, "The Choice For Me, Drug Free." The campaign is sponsored by the Illinois Drug Education Alliance and supported by Pisa Health Care of Collinsville.

Following the kidnapping and

murder of federal agent Enrique Camarena, drug trafficking in Illinois enraged parents, led by IDEA and the Virginia Federation of Parents, united to fight for drug-free communities.

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Revival set at Dewey Avenue

The Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church, 101 Dewey Avenue, Granite City, will be holding Christian Revival Services, Oct. 13 through Oct. 16.

Special services will be held Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday there will be seminars at 6 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and there will be special worship services at 7 p.m. each evening.

Rev. Jack Kaley, a United Methodist Evangelist from Decatur, will be teaching and preaching during these special services. Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church and Rev. Norman Sloan, pastor of the church, invite everyone to attend these services.

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State issues millionth vanity plate; popular program began in 1980

Secretary of State George H. Ryan recently presented the one millionth Illinois vanity/personalized license plate to Anthony Bedell of Algonquin at Comiskey Park in Chicago.

Ryan presented the license plate, which read "GO SOX 28," to Bedell and his 11-year-old daughter, before the baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Oakland Athletics.

"This is one of the few state government programs in which the people of Illinois have the opportunity to creatively express themselves and, at the same time, help provide financial sup-

port for highway maintenance and traffic safety programs," Ryan said.

Vanity license plates have one, two or three numbers only, or three, four, five, six or seven letters only. Personalized license plates contain both letters and numbers.

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A year in Brazil opened student's eyes

Local teen was an exchange student in Rotary-sponsored program

Almost everyone remembers their senior year in high school, homecoming, the prom, graduation. But one Granite City teen-ager will have some unusual memories of his last year in school.

Jason Greco, son of Judy Greco, office manager for Providence Occupational Health Clinic of St. Elizabeth Health Services, spent last year as an exchange student.

"I was lucky to be chosen as being a host family for exchange students," Judy said. "I checked into it and found out the Rotary Club had already filled their needs for that year, but we were an alternate family in case they needed one."

Later that year the Granite City Rotary Club told Jason if he would like to try to be an exchange student, they would sponsor him.

"I didn't think I would have a chance, but decided to try for it," he said. "My family was very supportive. They said if I thought I could do it, then I could go. I thought this could be my way of getting to Holland. Ever since I was little my fantasy was to go there."

In September 1990, Jason was selected to represent Granite City, and was one of 13 students selected as exchange students at district level. Each had to complete a list to 40 countries in order they preferred to spend the next year.

"In February 1991, I found out I was assigned Brazil," Jason said. "It was ninth on my list, so I wasn't as excited as I would have been if it had been one of my first five."

During his junior year in high school, Jason attended meetings held by the Rotary Club to prepare him for his exchange experience.

The summer he took two senior English classes he would not get credit for in Brazil. On Aug. 16, Jason, accompanied by his best friend, Tim Knowland, his sister, Michelle, and his mom and dad, went to Lambert International Airport to begin his journey.

"It was a very sad time, because I was leaving my family and friends, but at the same time it was an exciting time because it was something new and I had a whole year of excitement ahead of me," he said.

It was one of the hardest things Jason had to do.

"Everything was fine until they called his flight," she said. "Then we all got

Jason's first impression of Brazil was that everything was green.

"I stayed in Maringa, in the southern part

of Brazil next to the Paraguay and Argentina borders," he said. "They had so many trees. Everything was very clean and green. This boy is 40 years old, has the last name of church in South America."

The first school he attended was private and did not ask for participation from exchange students.

"Everyone there really focuses on students and not on competition for college. They know they have to do well on entrance exams or they don't get to go."

"I went to school from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30

in the afternoon each day, and we had 10 subjects. There were about 100 students in each class."

During summer break, December through February, Jason moved to a second school.

"I went to a different school with my sister (I'm the only boy in the Brazilian family) where there were only students per class. I was very surprised a little in my English class two students did better than I did," he said.

"I was able to travel with other exchange students to Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina."

"We visited the Amazon jungle, Amazon River and went to several beaches. We also went to Rio de Janeiro," he said. "We even met with the Brazilian president. He asked us questions about ourselves, how we liked his country, and our opinion on the war in the Gulf."

"We didn't know too much about the war since it's not a situation we are involved in in Brazil. We were kind of passed off from the war, so it was difficult to have an opinion about it. But friends of mine who were in Europe as exchange students were afraid. They wrote me letters saying they were ready to leave."

"They had received terrorist threats and thought about leaving. I worried about them."

One of the most difficult times for Jason was Christmas. He never got homesick, but Brazilians do not celebrate the occasion like Americans.

"It's hard to get in the spirit there because it falls in the middle of summer and is very hot. There was no tree in our house. They travel more religiously than we do. Easter is celebrated in Brazil Christmas, which surprised me," he said.

As time grew near for Jason's return to the states, his mother attended meetings sponsored by the Rotary Club called "welcome home" meetings. These meetings make parents aware of changes in their exchange student and ways to make the homecoming easier.

"I didn't know what to expect when he got home, but one of the members at the meeting made me realize most kids mature during their junior and senior years. He probably would have changed even if he had been here all year in Brazil."

On Aug. 11, Jason came back to the states and was greeted by his family at the airport.

"I am excited to be back home. Granite City has changed a little. There are more food places, there were about a lot of new musical groups out now so there's a lot of music and songs to catch up on."

"My biggest fear was that my best friend, Tim, would be different. I was really wrong about that. We have seen each other every day since I got home."

This year will be busy for Jason and his family. They will host a boy from Mexico in December for four months and Jason begins school at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville at the end of October.

"Traveling has rubbed off on me. I want to see every country I can now, and I hope a degree in communications will help me do that. I am really interested in the real world. I want to be an exchange student again."

Jason's experiences in Brazil have changed him.

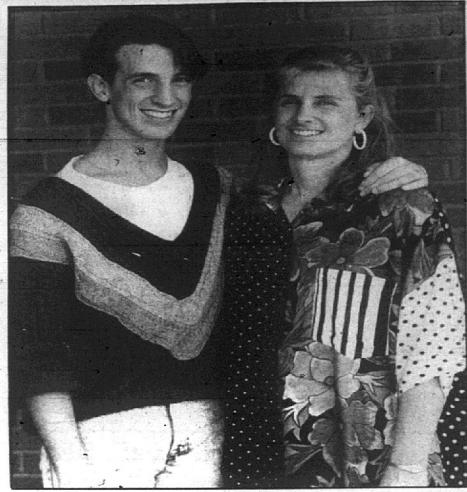
"I am more open-minded, relaxed and I can speak more openly than I did a year ago. I just take things as they come these days." Jason said. "Visiting a Third-World country really opened my eyes to the real world. I am more independent, and the experience has really helped me prepare for the future. I grew up a lot."

"I saw people sleeping on streets who were barely clothed. There were always kids running in the streets begging for money when they knew you had it. I saw a lot of crime."

Jason said although Brazil had been number nine on his list of choices of countries for his exchange, he is recommending it to all of his friends who want to be part of the Rotary program.

"I'm going to tell them, you'll have a good year no matter where you go, but in Brazil you'll really have a good time," he said. "I have learned so much and really grown from my experiences in Brazil. None of my friends had that. I am very fortunate because everyone can say they had a senior year, but I didn't."

"Sure I missed the prom, homecoming and even graduation, but it was worth it."



Jason Greco is happy to be home with his mother, Judy Greco.

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Briefly

Reynolds ends basic training



Marine Pvt. Bryan W. Reynolds has successfully completed the 13-week basic training course of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Reynolds graduated in an outdoor ceremony on Aug. 2 at the Marine Corps Training Center at San Diego, Calif.

The Marine is the son of Bill and Patricia Reynolds of Granite City. He is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School.

Bryan Reynolds

Buecker graduates at Lackland

Robert Edward Buecker II of Granite City graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, on July 25.

On hand to witness the graduation ceremonies and congratulate the serviceman were his wife, Valerie Lynn (Mersinger) Buecker, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Buecker I, all of Granite City.

The graduate graduated from Granite City High School in 1989 and was inducted into the Air Force on June 11.

Since graduation, Buecker has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo., for further schooling. He will be joined there shortly by his wife, Valerie.



Robert Buecker II

Breckner graduates at Lackland



Maj. Harvey H. Breckner, U.S. Air Force, formerly of Granite City, graduated from Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, with a degree in premedical studies and received his master's degree from University of Texas Health Science Center.

Breckner will be transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio.

Breckner graduated from Granite City High School North in 1975 and from Rockhurst College, Kansas City, with a bachelor's degree.

Harvey Breckner Breckner graduated from Southern Illinois University, Alton, Dental School, in 1983 with D.M.D. degree. He has been in the Air Force since 1978.

He and his wife, Debbie, also formerly of Granite City, have two sons, Matthew and Ryan.

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This year the Lions Club of Pontoon Beach will participate in Candy Day on Friday, Oct. 11, and Saturday, Oct. 12, under the leadership of Randy Werner, club president, and Lynn Squares, Candy Day Chairman.

"We want to help people who already are blind or deaf, and we also want to work to save the sight and hearing of everyone," Illinois, the Chairman said. Pontoon Beach Lions Club has a goal of \$4,000. Statewide the Lions will be trying to top the million-dollar mark.

It all depends on the hard work of the Lions and volunteers and on the generosity of the public," he said. "We hope everyone will support them from their hearts."

Illinois Lions have a long tra-

dition of humanitarian service. Lionism, which began in Chicago in 1917, has grown to be the world's largest service organization.

Lions have been involved in sight-related work from the start of Lionism. Efforts redoubled in 1929 when H. H. Keller challenged the Lions to become Knights for the Blind.

Locally, the Lions have pur-

chased numerous eye glasses and hearing aids for residents who were in financial need. Local sight and hearing impaired children have been sent free to Camp Lions. An eye donor program has started at the Illinois Medical Center with sight given to eye recipients. Free hearing and glaucoma screenings have been offered.

State official to speak here

Assistant Illinois Attorney General Dennis J. Orsey will explain procedures for filing durable powers of attorney for health care and for permanent guardianship of minors beginning in December.

The meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, Ill., Oct. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. The group meets in Pascal Hall on the ground floor of the medical center.

Federal and Illinois laws (the

Patient Self-Determination Act) protect each individual's right to have a say in health care decisions. The law instructs health care institutions to inform patients about their rights beginning in December.

Forms will be distributed at the meeting and Orsey will be available to answer questions.

Associates and community members are invited to attend, but seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling Education Resources at 798-3201.

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New thermometer saves precious moments in ER

The next time you have to make a visit to the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, you may be alarmed if the nurse asks you to pull your hair back—to take your temperature. Just lend the nurse your ear and in a matter of seconds she or he will know if you have a fever.

For the last month, the emergency room workers have been using a relatively new type of thermometer, one that takes your body temperature through your ear.

According to Terry Deloney, emergency room supervisor, the Diatek 7000 is an infrared tympanic thermometer, one that takes your body temperature through your ear.

According to Maxine Johnson, administrative assistant in Nursing Service, the SEMC emergency room is the only patient-care area in the Metro East now using the new tympanic thermometer.

In July, Diatek sales representative Mike Grelakski instructed emergency room associates on how to place the probe of the thermometer in the patient's ear.

"The placement of the probe is the most critical stage in insuring a discomfort for the patient and an accurate reading," Grelakski said.

"The key is to insert the thermometer in the ear canal gently and close off the canal while pressing the thermometer's scan button."

Although at first there was some confusion as to how to insert and use the thermometer, now it feels it saves them time. They would like to have another one strictly to use for triage.

The SEMC Auxiliary plans to purchase another tympanic thermometer for the emergency room nurses to use for that purpose.

"Using the tympanic thermometer is another result of technology saving time," said

spend anywhere from 60 seconds to three minutes taking a patient's temperature—a valuable time that could be spent on patient care," Carich said.

The tympanic thermometer also is helpful in taking temperatures of very young children, elderly, disabled or very ill patients, who are unable to a thermometer under their tongue.

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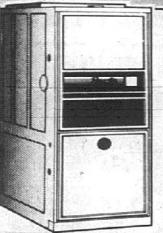
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Area residents have an easy and convenient way to learn more about cholesterol and other factors affecting their health through St. Elizabeth Medical Center's community health screening.

SEMC's CardioPulmonary Rehab and Prevention Program will be offering cholesterol testing, blood pressure checks and blood sugar screenings. Each test includes a professional consultation with a registered nurse or a registered dietitian on the results.

Health screenings will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa St. in Granite City. Appointments are required.

Persons may call 798-3201 to reserve a time.

Cholesterol level screenings, blood pressure tests and professional consultation on the results will be offered for \$7. Blood sugar tests, blood pressure tests and

professional consultation on the results will be offered for \$1.

The National Institute of Health recommends that all adults age 20 and over have their blood cholesterol levels checked.

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Beta Eta Chapter initiates five

The Beta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held its first meeting of the year on Sept. 14 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Five new members initiated were: Jacqueline Ehlenfeldt, Collinsville; Linda Koenig, Granite City; Alberta Lang, Collinsville; Laura Prueett, Highland; and Barbara Varadian, Edwardsville.

Reports were given by committee chairmen: Helen Hall, membership; Irene McGarrahan, membership; Irene O'Farrell, program; Connie Balen, yearbook; Judy Barnett, personal growth and services; Barbara Esker, professional affairs; Nancy Krchniak, legislative; Helen Purkapple, research; Nancy Mar-

ti, communications; Martha Massa, scholarship; Nancy Fox, international projects; Mary Zinkgraf, courtesy; Ellen Voyles, projects; Dianne Funkhouser, literature; Alleen Spernol, chapter policy; and Kathy Weber, Women in the Arts.

Krchniak presented the chapter's "Educator of the Year" award to teacher Barbara St. Jacob, for her outstanding contributions to education, the Beta Eta Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma.

The group sang "Autumn Leaves" and "Hey Look Me Over" under the direction of Valerie Stevens.

The next meeting will be held at Ravanelly's in Granite City on Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Americanism essay contest opens

"The Bill of Rights and Me" is the theme of the Fleet Reserve Association Annual Americanism Essay Contest.

The contest is open to all students in grades seven through 12.

A student may submit only one essay, approximately 350 words in length and legible, written or typed, on one side of the paper.

Entrants are to include their name, address, school grade, sponsoring FRA Branch and their own or a parent's social security number on a separate sheet of paper.

All entries must be submitted no later than Dec. 1 to: David E. Taylor, Chairman, Americanism Committee, Branch 267, FRA, 6240 Kinnickinnic Drive, St. Louis, Mo., 63123.

The national grand prize is a \$1,000 savings bond given for the

best of all grade entries.

Each grade will have a first-, second- and third-place award. The amount of these awards at the regional level are: First place, \$100; second place, \$50 bond; and third place, \$50 bond.

All participants will receive a certificate of recognition for participation in the contest. At the regional level, the top three prizes are savings bonds in the amount of: first place, \$200; second place, \$100; and third place, \$75.

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Scholarships are available for local engineering students

Applications for scholarships available to high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores and juniors enrolled or planning to enroll in four- or five-year construction or civil engineering degree programs may now be obtained at the offices of the Southern Illinois Builders Association, located at 700 W. Main St., P.O. Box 739, Belleville, Ill. 62220.

Winners of the scholarship competition sponsored by the American General Contractors and Research Foundation, may be eligible for grants of up to \$6,000 over a four-year period of undergraduate study. SIBA is a chapter of AGC, a national contractors group.

College seniors or others planning to enroll in a full-time master's level construction program in 1992-93 may compete for the Saul Horowitz, Jr. Memorial Graduate Award.

The Saul Horowitz, Jr. Memorial Graduate Award is fully endowed with the undergraduate program is made possible through the contributions from members of the Consulting Contractors Council of America, a group of recognized construction industry leaders.

Special awards are also offered under the Undergraduate Scholarship program, including the Robert B. McEachern/General Construction Co. Scholarships, the Stanley F. Pepper Memorial Scholarship, the E. Byrne Memorial Scholarship, the E.

the Paul B. Richards Scholarships, the Vernie G. Lindstrom, Jr. Scholarships and the Billy Carter Memorial Scholarships.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications, along with the accompanying three audit recommendations (as outlined in the application) is Nov. 15, 1991.

Applicants are selected on the basis of demonstrated interest in a construction industry career, academic performance, extracurricular activities, employment experience and financial need.

Each finalist is interviewed by an AGC contractor in his or her area and recipients are announced at the annual AGC Convention in March.

The 1992 William A. Klinger Award, which is granted to university construction and construction-oriented civil engineering departments, will also be presented.

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Obituaries



Elsie Joiner

Elsie (MacLusking) Joiner, 65, of Granite City died at 11:12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mrs. Joiner was born Nov. 23, 1925, in Judsonia, Ark. She was employed by Granite City for 12 years. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband, J.B. Joiner of Granite City; one brother, Floyd Jenkins of Meriden, N.H.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dene E. Joiner, who died in 1982.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Room 931-8000. Arrangements for services are pending.

Elmer Beason

Elmer Beason, 31, of Madison died at 1:48 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 1991, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, where he had been a patient for six days.

Mr. Beason was born Jan. 26, 1960, in Nashville, Tenn., and had been a resident of the Metro East area for many years.

He was employed by American Steel Foundries as a gage operator for 10 years. He was a member of Gethsemane Church of the Living God in East St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Ottie Beason of Madison; one son, Lon- del Brante of Alton; two daugh-

ters, Lillie Collins of Madison and Barbara Chatman of Nashville, Tenn.; a brother, John Beason; a brother and Bertha Beason, both of Nashville, and Mildred Beason of Cleveland; 24 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis. Services will be held at 7 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Grace Lutheran Church of the Living God, 1435 Baugh Ave., East St. Louis, with the Rev. Willis Mosby officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Millstadt.

Robert Holshouser

Robert L. Holshouser, 64, of Troy, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 1991, at St. Mary's Medical Center in St. Louis.

Born Jan. 30, 1927, in Granite City, he moved from Granite City to Troy as a child. He was general superintendent in the casting department for Spectrolite Consortium in Madison.

He was a member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council 9266 and St. Jerome's Men's Club.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, two sons, Robert and James; his son-in-law, Robert Holshouser, both of Troy; one daughter, Patricia Brown of Troy; and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Margaret (Breyer) Holshouser.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at a luncheon Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Polk officiating. Burial was at Friedens Cemetery, Troy.

Masses to St. Jerome's Church are suggested for memorials.

Louise Schuette

Louise S. Schuette, 103, of Alhambra died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 1991, at Community Memorial Hospital in Staunton.

Born Jan. 4, 1888, in Olive Town she was a member of the Board of Directors of Salem United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Schuette of Riverdale, Ill., and Herman Schuette of Livingston; two daughters, Louise Noeth and

Verna Bollinger, both of Edwardsburg; 18 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Schuette, whom she married April 3, 1910, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church near Warden, Mich., and died Dec. 1, 1968.

Also preceding her in death were one son, the Rev. George Schuette; her parents, Henry C. and Louise (Sivers) Ellert; two brothers, Herman and Herman Ellert; two sisters, Sophie Meyer and Ida Ellert.

Visitation was held from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra and from 8 to 11 a.m. at Salem United Church of Christ, where services will be held at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. Arnold Bizer officiating. Burial will be in Singlet Cemetery near Livingston.

Memorials to the Salem United Church of Christ Memorial Fund are suggested.

Margaret Holmes

Margaret E. Holmes, 67, of Granite City died at 11:20 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, 1991, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis County. She had been failing health.

Ms. Holmes was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Mount Sterling, Ky. Prior to her retirement in 1979, she was a foreman at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft in St. Louis. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo.

Survivors include four sisters, Mildred Jones of Nicholasville, Ky., May Bell Finkenstein of Sun City, Ariz., Maud Knut of Sedalia, Mo., and Louise Hollingshead of Dewey, Ariz.; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Claude Holmes and Cora Belle (Hoffman) Holmes.

Funeral services were held Tuesday evening at Targhetta Funeral Home in Brighton with the Revs. Paul and Joyce Anders officiating. Visitation services will also be held at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the First Baptist Church of Slater, Mo., with the Rev. Don Reed officiating. Burial will be in Slater City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested for the American Cancer Society.

Elmer Beason, 31, of Madison died at 1:48 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 1991, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, where he had been a patient for six days.

Mr. Beason was born Jan. 26, 1960, in Nashville, Tenn., and had been a resident of the Metro East area for many years.

He was employed by American Steel Foundries as a gage operator for 10 years. He was a member of Gethsemane Church of the Living God in East St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Ottie Beason of Madison; one son, Lon- del Brante of Alton; two daugh-

•Closing

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Maxwell said the line of steel produced by the cold roll finishing department will either be eliminated, if there is no market, or picked up by either the Irwindale or Great Lakes divisions of National Steel Corp.

Beall said the corporation will meet with union representatives "over the next couple of months" to discuss the planned closure, he said, and the corporation will make the final decision.

At press time, union officers were unavailable for comment.

•Nursery

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la., even shoes," Coleman said. "In an emergency, parents don't have time to do everything, so we're set up so they don't have to. When a child comes in, we provide whatever the child doesn't have, plus a lot of love."

Nursery services are used a maximum of 30 days a year by any individual, Coleman said. Any situation lasting longer, or repeating itself, would require more than a short-term placement.

In addition to caring for children during family crises, the nursery has a full-time social worker on staff to help keep the family together after the crisis is over.

Along with processing intakes and discharges, Denita Jacox works with children and their families to make sure the family stays together. According to Coleman, Jacox is given the lati-

ture to do whatever she feels necessary to keep a family together.

That includes referring parents to other social agencies, consulting, facilitating parental support groups, and home visits.

Jacox is also available to give presentations about the crisis nursery to local "help" agencies.

But one of Jacox's most important duties, according to Coleman, is the four-month follow-up. According to Coleman, four months after a child is discharged from the nursery Jacox checks with the family to make sure everything is all right.

The nursery opened its doors Aug. 26, after four months of planning and preparation. In the month since it opened, several children have come and gone, Coleman said.

Because most crisis situations preclude planning, the nursery staff can provide for a child's eventual needs.

"Clothes, diapers, baby formula, etc.," Coleman said. "We keep up to nine children for up to five consecutive days."

All nursery services are free, no matter the income of parents.

"We expect that all families, despite their individual incomes, will be in times of crisis," Coleman said.

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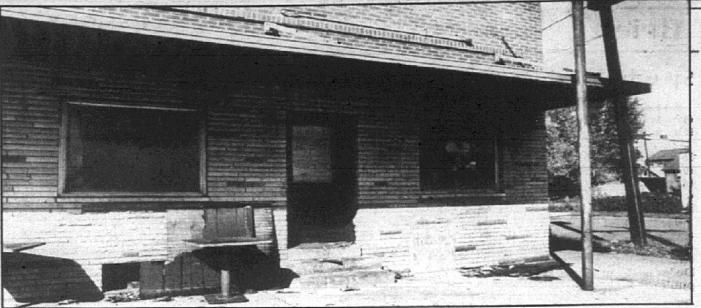
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Sammy's Tavern is boarded up after fire struck the building Saturday. Charred tables and burned floorboards were seen outside after the tavern, 921 Niedringhaus Ave., burned early Saturday morning. The business is expected to re-open within two months. The fire, which caused extensive damage, was apparently sparked by a faulty alarm system.

•Fires

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again in 1½ to two months."

Nighobossian said a cherry wood bar in the tavern was destroyed.

"It is irreplaceable. They just don't make them any more," he said of the antique.

Nighobossian said the tavern has been operated by his family for more than 44 years.

Firefighters battled the blaze, which was reported by telephone, for about 9½ hours.

An apartment building at 319-22 West 20th St. was the site of the second fire, occurring at 6:19 a.m. Sunday.

According to a police report, officers noticed an open rear door to the building upon their arrival.

Firefighters told police shingles were scattered about the building, and the shingle had three points of ignition.

There was a living room on the second floor, a kitchen on the first floor, and a living room in the east side apartment, between a bedroom and a living room in the west side apartment, and near

the kitchen in the east side apartment.

Damage was estimated at \$20,000. The duplex is owned by Judith Wallace of Rolla, Mo., Jerry Wallace said. The occupants, Alan and Deb, were at the time of the blaze.

Firefighters were still looking into the cause of the West Granite fire when a call came in regarding a fire at 1710 Cleveland Blvd. at 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

According to Chief Wallace, the source of the fire was a unit heater which was turned on with combustible material nearby.

The occupant of the apartment, Pam Divine, awoke smelling smoke and went to the rear of the building, where her son had lit a cigarette. She saw flames, called the Fire Department, and got out of the building, Wallace said.

He said firefighters worked at the scene for 9½ hours.

Damage to the building, owned by Charlie Stone, was estimated at \$15,000.

Wallace said the firefighters

"did an exceptional job in containing all three fires. The quick response and actions taken on the scene at all three locations substantially reduced the potential for significant damage."

"Sammy's fire could have been significant, but the knowledge the guys have obtained in training played a significant role in containing the blaze to the building," Wallace said. "The firefighters who were first to arrive on the scene waited until the pumper arrived and had lines down before opening the building up and mounting an attack on the fire."

There are three buildings attached to the tavern.

There was smoke and fire rolling out of the building at 1710 Cleveland Blvd. as well, but a quick response and laying of supply lines and getting attack lines in position confined the damage to the structure — and kept exposure damage to a minimum.

He said there is another building "about three feet away" from the burned building on Cleveland Boulevard.

Open house
at Treehouse
this weekend

Treehouse Wildlife Center Inc. will hold its 10th annual free open house Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12 and 13, from noon until 5 p.m.

Treehouse, a non-profit organization for wildlife, is located on Fosterburg Road, nine miles north of Ill. Route 111/140 (1½ miles south of the Brighton-Bunker Hill Road).

Approximately 450 injured and orphaned bird and mammal patients are admitted to the center annually.

Visitors will see bald eagles, owls, a coyote, herons, "possums, raccoons and other wildlife."

"Bring your family and come on in," a spokesman said.

"Smokey Bear" will make an appearance.

Refreshments will be available, and there will be a silent auction.

Prizes will include a Steve Ross oil painting. There will be no admission fee.

Persons may call Treehouse at 372-8992 for further information.

•Costs

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"In the absence of state funding, we must efficiently use the dollars we have," he said.

Lazerson said setting aside the 2 percent of the budget, in addition to other cost-cutting measures, for high-priority items and ways to consolidate practices, Lazerson said. They will report their findings to the state in January.

"I've also asked vice presidents to exercise conservative fiscal management," he added.

—From the Alton Telegraph

•Hawkins

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knowledge will be sadly missed by many people involved in Madison County government.

"I've known him for 35 to 40 years," Stille said. "I worked with him while I was contract-

ing. His knowledge of the code and environmental rules and regulations was tremendous."

Hawkins, who lived in Godfrey, had held his post since 1987. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a daughter, Linda Sigitis, a son, Paul Alan Hawkins, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

•Sentence

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Roberts in the left half of his lower back.

Roberts and his companion

traveled for two blocks before the friend flagged down a Venice patrol car about 10:35 p.m. Feb. 25. Roberts was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he died about an hour later.

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Briefly

Spaghetti dinner Saturday

The Trinity Annual Bazaar and Spaghetti supper will be held on Oct. 12 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 25th and Henry from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bazaar items will be bake sale items given by the United Methodist Women, primitive wood painting by June Hubert, crocheted towels, ornaments, wreaths, decorated sweatshirts, baby quilts, picture frames, hats, pillow cases, refrigerator ornaments, mugs, crocheted coasters and afghans by the Evening Circle.

The spaghetti supper will include spaghetti, cole slaw, dessert and drink. Tickets are available for \$4 and can be bought at the door or from any member. Wanda Roebell, chairman of the bazaar, Von Dee Cruise, chairman of the kitchen, and Don DeJarnett, minister of the church extend an invitation to the public.

Neighborhood picnic Oct. 13

Suburban Baptist Church will be hosting a Neighborhood Picnic on Sunday, Oct. 13, and extends an invitation to the entire Granite City community. The activities of the afternoon include games for all ages, craft displays and demonstrations, food and entertainment. The activities begin at 12:30 p.m.

Postal Mail Service invites any interested individuals or families to join. There is no cost, but reservations are requested by Wednesday, Oct. 9. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 876-7404.

The church is located on Maryville Road at St. Clair Avenue. Worship times are at 10:40 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays and Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages.

Women have fall gathering

The Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church was held on Sept. 24 in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Moderator Barbara Landis welcomed the members and guests as they gathered for a potluck luncheon. Dr. Lewis Trotter, new pastor of the church, led the group in prayer.

Following the luncheon, the officers of the church installed officers for the coming year. The new moderator, Barbara Landis; vice moderator, Florence Woodward; secretary, Gladys Pape; treasurer, Burdine Holtzschere; coordinator of mission interpretation, Ella Wade; coordinator of study, Betty Schmidke; and coordinator of involvement and action, Gladys Fuhrman.

Trotter, in closing remarks to the officers, noted that they wear many "hats" during their tenure — hats representing "Honor, Fellowship, Service, Work and Enjoyment". He said he was confident that they would have a good year.

A short business meeting was held. Holtzschere gave the treasurer's report and the Year Book of Prayer was read by Wade.

It was announced that Barbara Landis and Connie Trotter would attend the fall workshop at Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

Landis introduced Anna Mae Moore, who spoke to the group about "Share - Self Help and Resource Exchange," sponsored by the Protestant Welfare.

Share maintained the mission of "Share" is to help people help themselves and help people to help each other. A discussion followed.

Persons interested in the program may call 876-8770 for details.

The installation of Dr. Trotter was held at the church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Women United will host a Schnucks Luncheon on Oct. 10, at Nameoki Methodist Church. Proceeds will go to the layette program and day care fund.

Members present besides those mentioned were Millie Meek, Lois Daniel, Bernadine Cooley and guests Vivienne Danco, Shirley Lane, Minnie Wetzel, Helen Takmajian and Evadine Graville.

'Intercessions' entertains group

The general meeting of the United Methodist Women of Niedringhaus Church was held in the parlor of the church. Karen Green, vice president, opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and introduced Elizabeth Briggs, who was in charge of the program "Christian Global Concerns."

Briggs introduced an inter-denominational choral group called "Intercessions" that sang several numbers. The group won a first place award at the Illinois State Fair this year, has performed at Six Flags and is going to entertain at Silver Dollar City in the near future.

After the choristers performed, one of the speakers, Carolyn Jenkins, discussed the group.

Members of the youth group from Niedringhaus Church, Melanie Embick, Stephanie Jacobs, Kathleen Reader and Leah McDaniel reported on the United Methodist National Youth Global Event held at the University of Missouri at Columbia. All commented on the classes they attended.

KMOX seeks marching music

KMOX Radio is seeking marching music from area schools for its popular "Morning March" segment, heard Monday through Friday at 6:50 a.m. during "Total Information AM."

KMOX listeners are invited to submit recordings of marches and, if they wish, their school song, performed by their school band. Those selected will be added to the rotation for the "Morning March."

Musical selections must be recorded on a 7 1/2-inch reel-to-reel or cassette tape and must be accompanied by the following information:

✓ Name, address, phone number of school

✓ Band director's name

✓ Title and composer of each piece of music submitted.

In addition, the school must sign a release authorizing KMOX to use the recording.

Tapes should be sent to: Jeanne Holt, Executive Producer, Total Information AM, KMOX Radio, One Memorial Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63102.

McMillan also described the music camp he attended at Illinois Wesleyan College in Bloomington.

The business meeting began with all repeating the "Pledge of United Methodist Women."

Dorothy Davis reported on the Mission School held at Mount Vernon in July.

McMillan was host for the evening. Decorations included dolls from every nation on the tables, in keeping with the Christian Global Concerns.

Halloween capers set for Oct. 30

The Granite City Park District will sponsor the third annual Creepy Capers on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Brown Recreation Center.

This Halloween event is for boys and girls in grades kindergarten through third. All the children must be in costume, with three prizes being awarded for best costumes in each grade group.

There will be entertainment and movies as well as the parade of costumes.

In addition to special prizes for best costumes, each participant will receive a bag of Halloween treats.

Creepy Capers will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Everyone attending must register either in person or by telephone at the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059.

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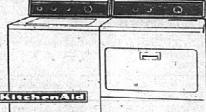
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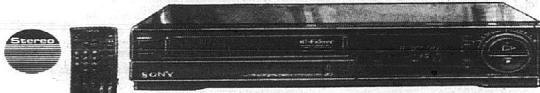
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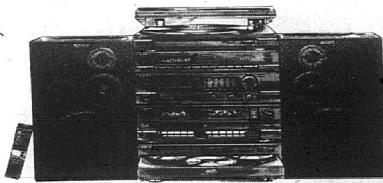
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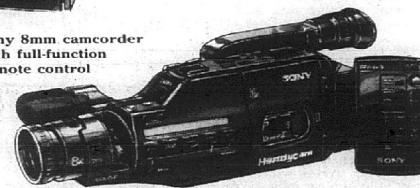
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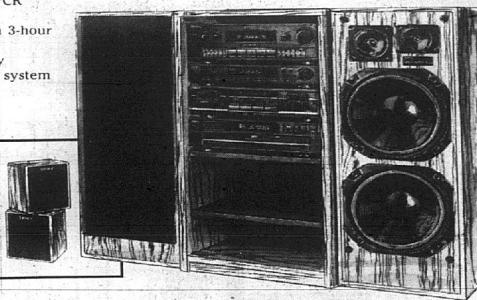
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Men of steel — The Granite City Steel Softball Association team won the Missouri-Illinois state championship and played in the National Softball Association World Tournament in Lakeland, Fla. Team members were, front row left to right, Dan Cook, Rodger Coakley, Roger Downs, Gene Halloran, Carl Scott and Joe Schneke; middle row, Bob Wiggins, Courtney Prothro, Kevin Wilson, Jake Harmon, Jim Childers, Rick Daily and Dan Sykes; back row, John Cozair, Denny Simmons, Mark Dowdy, Bill Bohnenstiehl, Dan Simmons and Rick Doty. The team won nine games Aug. 17-19 in Lakeland to win the state title, then won two games in Lakeland, Fla., losing to eventual world champion Delta of Atlanta, Ga. They placed fourth last year. The team would like to thank following sponsors who made the trip to Florida possible: T.J.'s Bar, Bill Harper, Bob Murray, The Bank of Edwardsville, GCS Credit Union, Lyle and Dr. Rod Hartzel, Steelworkers Corp., Bob Hill, Phil Clutts, CDI and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Soccer

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tournament unscorched on is a goal," said Baker. "Apparently, Eureka has its days. Today

wasn't one of them, but our players didn't see too much of that game. But they only lost 3-2 to Vianney earlier."

CBC (5-7) broke a six-game losing streak with the convincing win over Eureka, which placed third in Missouri last year with a semi-state-dominated team. The Cadets play Aquinas-Mercy at 3:10 today.

O'Fallon showed well for the Metro East by getting 2-2 tie with Hazelwood Central on Monday in their first (Group B) game. After Vianney pulled past Hazelwood last night in Group C game, Rosary escaped with a 1-0 win over Oakville in Group D as an Oakville goal with five seconds left was nullified due to a foul.

Wednesday, Oct. 9
Hazelwood Central vs. Smith/Cotton, 3:10 p.m.
Aquinas/Mercy vs. CBC, 3:10 p.m.
O'Fallon vs. St. Louis U. High, 5 p.m.
Vianney vs. Aquinas/Mercy, 6:45 p.m.
Chicago Brother Rice vs. Champlain, 8 p.m.
Hazelwood Central vs. O'Fallon, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10
Smith/Cotton vs. O'Fallon, 3:10 p.m.
Chicago Brother Rice vs. Hazelwood East, 3:10 p.m.
Vianney vs. Chicago Brother Rice, 5 p.m.
Champlain vs. Rosary, 6:45 p.m.
DeSmet vs. Oakville, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis U. High vs. Champlain, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 11
Rosary vs. DeSmet, 6:45 p.m.
O'Fallon vs. Champlain, 8 p.m.
Oakville vs. Aquinas/Mercy, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 12
Semifinals
Winner Group A vs. Winner Group B, 9 a.m.
Winner Group C vs. Winner Group D, 11 a.m.
Third place
Losers of semifinals vs. Champlain, 3 p.m.
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Vianney 4, Hazelwood East 0
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CBC vs. Champlain 2
GRANITE CITY 2, Aquinas/Mercy 0
O'Fallon vs. Aquinas/Mercy, 3:10 p.m.
Eureka vs. Aquinas/Mercy, 6:45 p.m.
Oakville vs. McQuar North, 3:10 p.m.
Hazelwood East vs. Champlain, 5 p.m.
Vianney vs. Rosary, 6:45 p.m.
St. Louis U. High vs. Hazelwood Central, 8:30 p.m.

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Spark plugs good indicator of possible problems ahead

In a normal-looking spark plug, insulator tip is generally grayish white, but beware velvet-like, dull black color

Spark plugs have a hard job and they are used all the time. But they can also test the limits of their limits. Under certain operating conditions, they suffer. Take a good look at them and they can tell you what their problem is.

Engineers for Bosch Spark Plugs provide the following descriptions of spark plug firing ends.

Normal

In a normal-looking spark plug, the insulator tip is generally grayish white. This indicates the engine is in good operating condition and the heat range of the plug is correct.

Carbon Deposit

Velvet-like, dull black carbon deposits on the insulator electrode and shell can be caused by any of the following: incorrect mixture, dirty air filter, faulty automatic choke, too cold a spark plug, or extreme stop-and-go driving conditions.

To correct this situation, make appropriate mixture adjustments, replace air filter, or use a hotter spark plug in the case of extreme stop-and-go driving conditions.

Oil Fouled

Velvet, shiny deposits are oil. The excessive quantity of oil can result from worn cylinders, piston rings or valves. In a two-stroke engine, it indicates an oil mixture that is too rich. To correct the problem, repair and/or replace worn parts. In either case, new spark plugs should be installed.

Lead Deposit

Yellow insulator deposits are from fuel additives containing lead. With higher load, the deposit becomes concreted and causes misfiring. New plugs should be installed; cleaning is ineffective.

Severe Lead Deposit

The brownish tint in the yellow glazed deposit is a combination of carbon and lead from fuel and oil additives. They accumulate on the insulator nose during slow driving.

conditions; and then under hard acceleration, they melt. As the plug cools, oil deposits solidify. Aggressive cleaning and reblasting are useless; install new plugs.

Ash Deposits

Brownish, cinder-like deposits on the electrodes and insulator are ash residues from oil and gas additives. The following additives leave an ash residue in the combustion chamber and on the spark plug.

Partially Melted Center Electrode

A melted electrode with a white, blistered insulator tip, indicates incorrect heat range or insufficient

heat range. Note: If the insulator separated from the shell and the shell is dislodged, sufficient installation torque is the cause. If the shell is not dislodged, overtorquing is the cause. Spark plug misfiring will occur and engine damage can result. A thorough tuneup should be performed; and before installing new spark plugs, check the appropriate application to ensure proper heat range.

Melted Center Electrode

The melting of the center electrode results from abnormal combustion for too little knock or overadvanced ignition timing. Misfiring will occur. Power loss

and possible engine damage can result. A thorough tuneup, including the installation of new plugs, is necessary.

Partially Melted Electrodes

A melted ground electrode is caused by preignition. Preignition can result from hot spots in the combustion chamber, overadvanced ignition timing, fuel/air mixtures, defective distributor advance mechanism, deposits in the combustion chamber, defective cylinder head or manifold gaskets.

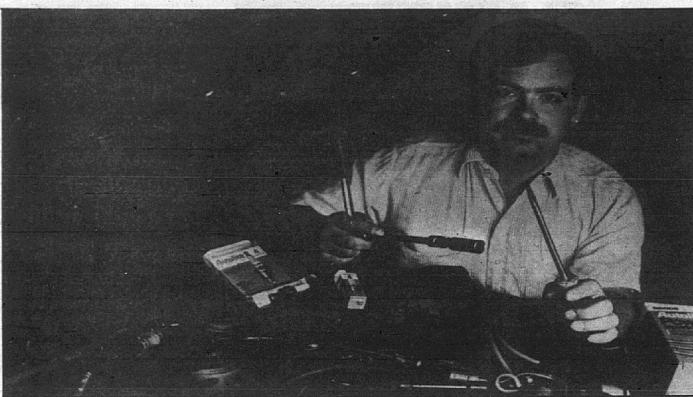
To avoid preignition, a thorough tuneup is required before installing new spark plugs.

Wet, shiny deposits are oil. The excessive quantity of oil can result from worn cylinders, piston rings or valves.

starting and hesitation on acceleration. Install new spark plugs.

Insulator Nose Broken

This damage maybe due to impact, or pressure on the center electrode. If the plug has been hit hard, the insulator nose can be cracked by deposits between the center electrode and the insulator and from corrosion of the center electrode. New spark plugs should be installed.



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Community calendar

Our event calendar also includes entries for community groups and their normal meeting days. Such groups meet on the first Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month, etc. Readers are encouraged to call these groups if holidays or other days pose uncertainty.

Corrections, additions and deletions of information are encouraged. Such entries may be added at any time by calling the newsroom at 876-2000.

This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Every Wednesday

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition; 11 a.m. to noon in 4-Doctors Clinic, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, rummage sale, 9 a.m. to ??. Some of the items available are: clothing, household, deep fryer and more. Tickets \$1.00. To Register for sale \$6 a dozen which can be purchased anytime. Call 876-5860 for further information.

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Every Thursday

Chouteau Township Senior Citizens, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m., Unity Chapel, Stratford and Village Lane, Granite City, 876-8467.

Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth Church, quinton room, 2300 Pontoon Road, 692-8078.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Wiesman Room, first floor (babysitter available), Granite City, 692-8078.

Every Friday

Barbecue, VFW Post 1300 Auxiliary, 2044 Washington, Granite City, beginning at 11 a.m.; 877-8764.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Saturday, Oct. 12

International Folk Dance Association, folk dance classes, beginners, Saturdays, Sept. 28 thru Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Holy Communion Episcopal Church, 7401 Delmar, University City, Mo. Cost is \$10 for ten classes. No payment due. For more information or registration, call (314) 638-4024 or (314) 726-5838.

Every Saturday

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Al-Anon, Adult Children, 10 a.m., Suburban Baptist Church, Maryville Road and St. Clair Ave. (babysitter available), 692-8078.

Every Sunday

Alcoholics Anonymous, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pastoral Hall, Main Floor, Granite City, 876-8467.

Every Monday

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 692-8078.

TOPS 2048, 6 p.m., Mel Price Support Center in Granite City; 876-8467.

TOPS II, 6:30 p.m., Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102.

Welcome men and women

Every Tuesday

TOPS 1639, 6:45 p.m. at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St; call 931-6522 or 797-0562.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 876-8467.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Niedringhaus United Church of Christ cafeteria, 20th and Delmar, Granite City (babysitter available), 692-8078.

Therapists complete training

Graduation ceremonies were held recently at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City for 29 students who completed the Respiratory Therapy Technician Program at Belleville Area Junior College.

The one-year program, co-sponsored by SEMC and BAC, offers students a full range of courses covering all aspects of respiratory therapy including the

study of lung pathology (disease), patient assessment, pharmacology, clinical procedures and various methods of treatment and rehabilitation of patients suffering from lung problems.

Graduation's graduates are:

Glen Carbon: Donna L. Scott,

Granite City: Lisa Long Clifts,

Carol J. Newby and Deborah K. Newman

Glen Carbon planning for its centennial celebration

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The Glen Carbon Centennial Committee started out last November with "14 gullible adults" meeting to discuss it, according to Bill Newman, general chairman.

Almost a year later the committee has grown to more than 75 volunteers but many more are still needed. An open community support meeting for the centennial will be held Sept. 19, about 40 attended.

"I was hoping for a much bigger crowd but I'm happy with whatever we can get," Newman said.

Philip Frable of the Rogers Co., a consulting firm that specializes in centennial celebrations, gave a presentation during the meeting.

"When you become a member of the centennial, it becomes your centennial," Frable said.

Frable outlined the many volunteer positions available on some 65 committees. Some of

those jobs include working with the revenue division, ticket sales, and working in the headquarters.

Performers will also be needed to build a 200-foot stage behind Village Hall, where a historical pageant with 200-300 participants will perform for five nights, Frable said. The performers will also be volunteers.

The centennial will be a two-week-long celebration beginning June 7, 1992. The event will commemorate the signing of the village charter on June 7, 1892.

The centennial will be a success only with everyone's help," said Joan Foster, president of the Glen Carbon Centennial Corp. and wife of Mayor Ron Foster.

Those who wish to volunteer can pick up a form at Village Hall or call Rita Ranek at 288-1200 to have one mailed to them.

Officials had hoped to raise \$15,000 in operating capital for the centennial by the Sept. 19 meeting, but fell about \$3,000 short.

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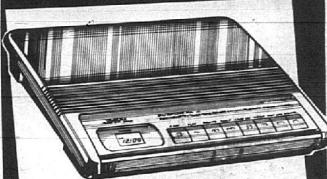
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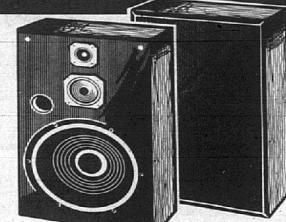
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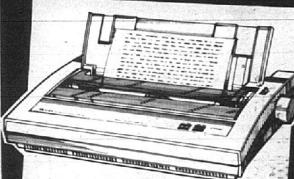
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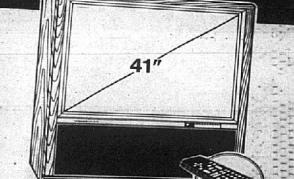
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Births

Jennifer Mefford

Her maternal grandparents are Tom and Dixie Stephens of Granite City.

The paternal grandparents are Don and Marylou Paterson.

Kelsey Smith

Kyle and Deanna Smith of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Kelsey Dawn Mefford. She weighed 8 pounds and one ounce.

The mother is the former Kim Pointer. Maternal grandparents are Ina Mefford of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Jeanette and Ruby Pointer of Granite City.

The couple has one other child, Eric Dewayne, 2 1/2.

Makenna Berkbigler

Matt and Alissa Berkbigler of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Makenna Elayne was born at 2:04 p.m. Aug. 13, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Bob and Mama Pacheco of Granite City.

The paternal grandparents are Don and Laura Berkbigler of Cokahka.

Melissa Paterson

Spott and Amy Paterson of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Melissa Lynn was born at 7:45 a.m. Aug. 13, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and joins brother Matthew, 3.

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Krystin Hucks

Angela Hucks of Granite City is the mother of a girl born at 2:51 p.m. on Aug. 14, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Jennifer Dawn Mefford. She weighed 8 pounds and one ounce.

The mother is the former Kim Pointer. Maternal grandparents are Ina Mefford of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Jeanette and Ruby Pointer of Granite City.

The couple has one other child, Eric Dewayne, 2 1/2.

Dominic Sandella

John Sandella and Tina Heenan of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Dominic Michael was born on July 14, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. He weighed 5 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces, and joins John Jr., 4, and Brittany, 2.

His maternal grandmother is Carole Heenan of St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are John and Erma Sandella of Granite City.

Matthew Powell

John Sandella and Tina Heenan of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 2:03 p.m. on Aug. 17, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Matthew Alexander. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and joins Randy Jr., 9, and Brittany, 2.

The mother is the former Sandra Whitaker. Maternal grandparents are Roy and Mary Whitaker of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Marie Powell of Granite City.

Aaron Kunkel

Randy and Toni Kunkel of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Aaron Tyler was born at 9:33 a.m. Aug. 5, 1991, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and joins Randy Jr., 9.

His maternal grandparents are Michael and Charlotte Tettamore of Granite City.

His paternal grandparents are Robert and Cleona Kunkel of St. Louis, Mo.

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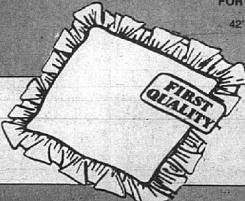
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Food

Any way you slice it

Homemade breads rise to the occasion

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

There are many tantalizing things about homemade bread. Its aroma announces its presence better than a bellhop. Its preparation gives a feeling of achievement. Its bubbling yeast action shows little things produce big results.

Well, yes, there is one thing wrong with fresh bread. It disappears too quickly. Hot roll mix, quick bread mix and muffin mix are the stars of the moment when it comes to special breads that give that homemade feeling without all the mixing, measuring and modeling. And they are delicious by themselves, but some creative management with other ingredients make them something more than Ms. Crocker, the Pillsbury and old Duncan emotions through the cloudy windows of the grocery oven.

While fresh fruits and vegetables are still plentiful, use the

tried-and-true rule of your grandmother when she suggested tossing in "a handful" of one that has been shredded or chopped. And, why not add a cupped apple or 1/2 cup shredded zucchini as a welcome addition to date bread, nut bread, banana bread or apple cinnamon bread mix. One-half cup chopped pecans add a special sweetness to bread mixes, too.

One-half cup pumpkin in date or nut bread mix accents the spices and increases the rich density of bread. The same amount of applesauce, mashed ripe banana or fruit juice up to about 1/2 cup — can replace the liquid in any of the mixes, too. If desired, add 1/2 teasp. cinnamon to the dry mix with any of the additions. Of course, 1/2 cup chopped nuts or raisins always can be added without varying other ingredients.

Some stores may not stock fresh cranberries, but the dried bread mix yet, but they should become available more consistently as the holidays approach.

Orange cinnamon swirl bread

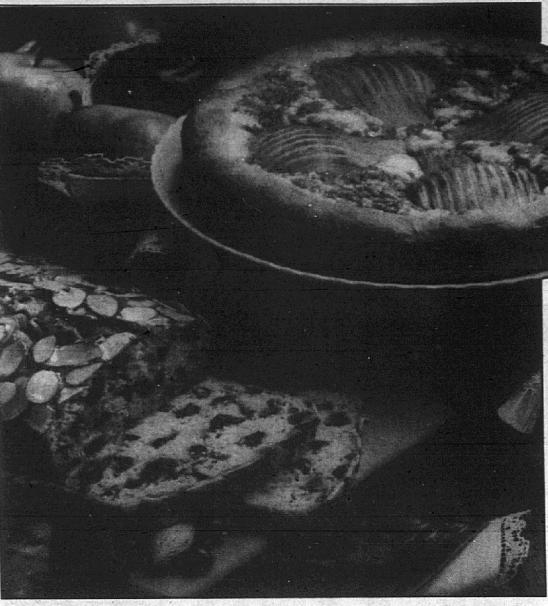
1 pkg. (19.1 oz.) cinnamon swirl muffin mix
1 egg
5/8 cup plus 2 to 3 tbs. orange juice
1 tbs. plus 1/2 tbs. grated orange peel
1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

Grease and flour 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. In large bowl, combine mix and contents of topping packet from muffin mix. Add 5/8 cup orange juice and 1/2 cup orange peel. Stir about 50 strokes until moistened.

Knead swirl packet from mix 10 seconds before opening. Squeeze on top of batter and swirl with knife; do not mix in completely.

Pour batter into pan. Bake at 350° for 55 to 60 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Loosen loaf from pan. Turn right-side up on cooling rack to cool completely.

For glaze, place confectioner's sugar in small bowl. Stir in 2 to 3 teaspoons juice, 1 teaspoon at a time, to bring to smooth and desired consistency. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon orange peel. Drizzle over loaf. Makes 12 servings.



Almond-crusted cranberry apple bread

1 pkg. (15.8 oz.) cranberry quick bread mix
1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, halved, thawed if necessary
1/2 cup chopped, peeled apple
1/2 cup orange juice or water
1 tbs. oil
1 egg
1 tbs. almond extract
1/2 cup sliced almonds
Apple jelly

Grease and flour bottom only of 8-by-4-inch or 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.

In large bowl, combine bread mix, cranberries, apple, orange juice, oil, egg and almond extract. Stir 50 to 75 strokes by hand until dry particles are moistened.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake at 350° for 55 to 60 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool in pan on cooling rack 15 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely.

Just before serving, brush with warm apple jelly. Makes 12 servings.

'Settlers' like baked beans

Alma E. Nowacki, Florissant, is this week's recipe contest winner in the *Suburban Journal*'s Hot dish, Old Settlers' Baked Beans, earns her gift certificates to dine at The Pasta House Co.

This is a baked bean dish that is hearty, meaty and combines four types of beans with savory seasonings that includes tangy-sweet flavor.

Deadline for the Holiday Cookie Recipe Contest is Oct. 31. Entries can include any type of cookie—baked or decorated, drop or shaped, bar or decorated. Send them to: Holiday Cookie Recipe Contest, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 100, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Be sure to double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions, including any variations that make this dish special.

If possible, name the source of the recipe.

Old settlers' baked beans

1 lb. ground chuck
1 lb. bacon, diced
2 onions, chopped
5/8 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup ketchup
1/4 cup barbecue sauce
2 tbs. mustard
10 tbs. molasses
1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 can (16 oz.) pork and beans
1 can (16 oz.) red kidney beans, partially drained
1 can (16 oz.) butter beans, partially drained
1 can (16 oz.) navy beans, partially drained

Brown beef slowly. Drain. Brown together onion and bacon, until onion is transparent, not crisp. Remove with slotted spoon.

In large casserole, combine beef, bacon and onion. Add brown and granulated sugar, ketchup, barbecue sauce, molasses, chili powder, pepper and salt. Add pork and beans, kidney beans, butter beans and navy beans. Mix well. Bake at 325° for 1 hour.

Chili-cheese rice quiche

2 large eggs, beaten
1 cup skim milk
1/4 tsp. garlic salt
1/4 tsp. ground pepper
1 cup cooked rice prepared without butter or salt, cooled
3/4 cup (3 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

1/4 cup chopped onion
2 tbs. chopped pimento
1 to 2 tbs. diced jalapeno pepper
1 tbs. grated parmesan cheese

Combine eggs, milk, garlic salt and pepper in mixing bowl. Mix well. Stir in rice, mozzarella

cheese, onion, pimento and jalapeno pepper.

Preheat 8-inch glass pie plate coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 30 to 35 minutes until knife inserted near center comes out clean.

Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Let stand 10 minutes.

Makes 8 servings per casserole.

Refrigerate, covered, tightly wrapped in foil, up to 3 months. To use, thaw to room temperature, then warm in foil, while still in foil, in 350° oven 15 minutes.

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Tasting apples proves varieties not equal

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One easy way to learn about them is by taste. It takes a knife and fork and some sets of four or five common apples, one set fresh and another set baked without sugar or cinnamon in a 350° oven 30 minutes.

First, compare red varieties. Red delicious, winesap and Rome beauty share the same color, but are considerably different in taste. Look at them. The Rome beauty is round, the red delicious almost classically heart-shaped.

Now look at the goldens. Granny Smith has a smooth, green skin, while golden delicious range from bright yellow to light green and boast flecks and speckles.

Next, cut a slice from each fresh apple and compare the crunch. Red delicious and granny Smith share firmness and density of flesh, while Rome beauty, winesap and golden delicious are typically more tender. Now taste them. When fresh, both red delicious and granny Smith are intense, despite obviously different in sweetness. Red delicious provides a complex flavor impact which may explain

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ENTERTAINMENT

J.C. Corcoran departs radio slot on KSDBy Ian MacBryde
Correspondent

J.C. Corcoran, a fixture on the St. Louis radio scene since 1984, left KSD-FM (94) Sept. 30—the day before the Bolster announcement. Corcoran, a fiery character whose on-the-air work offend virtually everyone at one time or another, was a controversial figure practically from the moment he arrived from Buffalo, N.Y., in 1984 to KSHB-FM (95).

Corcoran could not be reached for comment but reportedly had said he was fired.

Merrill Hansen, general manager of KSD, would not say whether he quit or was fired.

"I believe that what happens

between an employer and a boss should be private," Hansen said.

"It is no longer here, KSD will continue to do well."

Corcoran represented the "take no prisoners" style of morning radio, apparently going out of his way to offend the government and folks of just about every persuasion. He trampled on minority groups and the faint-of-heart every step of the way—and apparently reveled in it.

Boisterous he was, even vicious, but give him credit. He messed up a lot of stuffed shirts.

Emmys are on target.

Emmy Awards obviously are far more important to people in the television industry than they

are to the general public. And sometimes the judgments rendered by the awards committee seem to be completely out of sync with reality.

But this year's awards, by and large, are interesting in that they tend to affirm the judgments of a lot of professionals in the market. Among the more important awards, Karen Foss at Channel 5 was named Best Newscaster. WLS-TV (7) (Channel 2) won the Best Weathercaster award. Mark Curtis at Channel 2 got the Best Sportscaster award and Channel 2's news won the Best Newscast

designation.

You could make an argument for other nominees in the above categories, but certainly none of those seems outrageously wrong.

Judging for Emmys is, by even the most generous estimate, an iffy process. Nominations are judged on one day's product in the case of major awards. Other awards, which are content-specific, such as best feature, are selected and entered by the various stations.

It is interesting to note that the station which runs poorly in the ratings—Channel 2—drew favorable attention from professionals in Atlanta.

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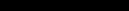
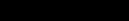
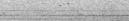
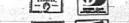
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Alaska is simultaneously modern and ancient, allowing residents and visitors to step through time, one foot in the past and one foot in the present.

Chiricahua Monument: a rocky fantasy land in southern Arizona

By Kristin Jackson

Knight-Ridder News Service

Before I went there, I thought of southern Arizona as barren desert, punctuated only by the urban sprawl of Phoenix.

But on several trips, I began to discover the different faces of southern Arizona: the wealth of desert plants and animals in places such as Organ Pipe National Monument; historic old mining towns such as Bisbee; and thickly forested mountains such as the Chiricahua range.

On a recent visit, I came across an extraordinary pocket of nature: the Chiricahua National Monument, a rugged, square-mile park high in an empty corner of southeast Arizona, 60 miles from the Mexican border.

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Monument is often described as an island in the sky.

The lowlands at the foot of the Chiricahua range are vast, arid and with wide plains of scrubby plants and grasses.

But in the mountains — which soar to 9,700 feet — there's a tangle of trees including oak, juniper, ponderosa pine and even Douglas fir. Summer brings thunderstorms; winter brings snow to Chiricahua National Monument.

The monument's forests, including ancient and rare bird species all draw visitors, but most people come to see its stretches of rock that have eroded over millions of years into extraordinary rock formations.

There are rocks dozens of feet high, that weigh many tons, balanced one upon the other. There are grottos and narrow alleys where wind and water have eroded passageways into the rock.

TRAVEL



Tlingit Indian Totems and Alaskan native artifacts are on display for *Journals'* tour members when they visit Sitka on the Grand Alaska Tour.

Frequent travelers fear for their bonuses

By Alfred Borcover

Knight-Ridder News Service

For a handful of people, traveling for fun on frequent-flier tickets verges on an obsession. At the drop of a double-mile bonus offer by an airline, some fliers will jet off to anywhere to accumulate miles for the next flight.

Today's frequent fliers, however, are nervous. They fear losing their accumulated mileage because of the bankruptcy of an airline.

Having logged thousands, in some cases hundreds, of miles and even millions of miles for the fly-free bonuses on carriers with financial woes — Continental Airlines, Pan American World Airways, American West and Midwest Airlines, World Airways, waiting in the wings — the fliers are eager to spend their bonuses rather than lose them.

Most of the fliers are switching from their former favorite carriers to earn mileage from the Big Three — American, Delta and United, where programs are safe, but the awards are not.

What brought frequent-flier jitters to a head was the rash of airline bankruptcies, the demise of Eastern Airlines and most recently the purchase by Delta Air Lines of most of Pan Am.

For \$7.9 a year, a policy covers all liability in every frequent-traveler program — airplane, hotel, car, diners and more.

The whole issue seems silly, unless you are one of those added frequent fliers who are afraid that "brand loyalty" is the original marketing reason behind the frequent flier inducements, won't pay off.

'I encourage people to put their worries aside. People won't lose their mileage because other carriers will pick them up. They (the other carriers) like getting the extra customers.'

— Randy Petersen

Randy Petersen, editor of *Frequent*, a monthly magazine for frequent fliers, contends that none of the frequent flier programs are safe.

He is the senior consulting editor of "Official Frequent Flyer Guidebook: 1990 Edition" (available from Bonus Books, 800-225-3775), a compendium of airline and other benefits for travelers.

"I encourage people to put their worries aside," said Petersen, who has tracked the programs since American Airlines became the first frequent-flier program in 1981, offering free trips, upgrades and other perks based on mileage flown. "People won't lose their mileage because other carriers will pick them up. They (the other carriers) like getting the extra customers."

Compulsive worriers, however, soon will be able to join Petersen's newest venture: AwardGuard, a new insurance program to cover mileage through Lloyd's of London. For \$7.9 a year, a policy covers all liability in every frequent-traveler program — airplane, hotel, car, diners and more.

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Petersen said the carriers in trouble are giving away 10 to 12 percent of their traffic to frequent-flier members, about double the 5 to 8 percent that the industry typically sees. Redemptions on Pan Am and TWA were especially high, with Pan Am giving away three times the

number of trips it did last year.

As for members of the Pan Am WorldPass frequent-flier program, Thomas G. Petersen, its chairman, said members will have an opportunity to convert Pan Am mileage to Delta's program on a one-to-one basis.

Pan Am members will get sticker shock when they compare the liberal WorldPass awards with the conservative Delta awards. "You can get a round-trip for 10,000 miles on Pan Am. It takes 40,000 miles to get the same trip on Delta," said Petersen.

In a Wall Street Journal interview, Randy Petersen, an airline industry consultant, offered these suggestions to frequent fliers with lots of miles on ailing carriers: "Get your upgrade to a first class seat. Buy a free trip, get a refrigerator," the latter a reference to frequent-flier clubs that allow mileage to be exchanged for gifts.

Petersen predicted that frequent-flier programs will be heavily promoted this fall. "Air traffic has not been consistently good since the Persian Gulf war," he said. "People are saving money for the airline. Frequent-flier programs can be one tool to stimulate traffic."

Petersen also cited new partner programs, such as the one in Chicago where a Cellular One phone purchase will get you 5,000 miles on United Airlines, plus one mile for every \$1 of phone service the first year.

Now healthy airlines have a sterling opportunity to steal passengers away from the unhealthy ones with frequent-flier programs, Petersen observed.

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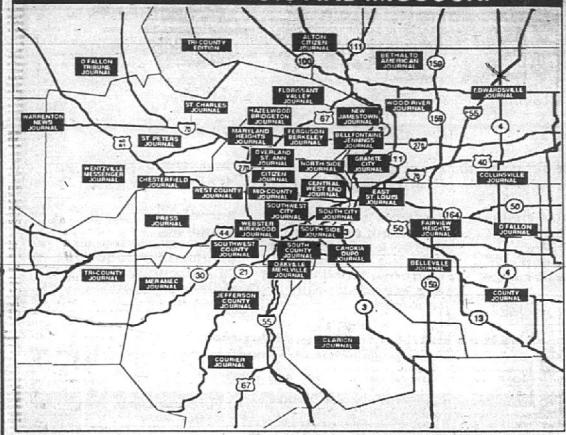


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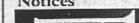
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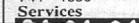
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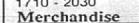
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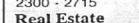
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Local economy has begun recovery, economist says

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

Local economists, while admitting their crystal balls still are a bit hazy on the details, predict that the recession is over and say the local national and St. Louis economies have begun a slow stroll down the path to recovery.

Both will be showing signs of improvement by year-end, they say.

A dissenting opinion comes from Mark Stover, assistant professor of economics at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. "It's going to be another year before the situation in the St. Louis economy improves markedly."

His reasoning is based on the slow pace of national recovery and the continuing impact of cutbacks in defense spending, a major local industry.

Economist John Qualls con-

cerns with that appraisal in part.

As for the 9.1 percent of business economists who say recession ended in the third quarter. But "it's not going to feel like a recovery" to St. Louisans because of the lingering effects of its defense contractor, McDonnell Douglas Corp., says Qualls, president of Micro Economics Ltd. in Clayton.

People are always gloomy early in recoveries because they just don't see evidence of the rebound, adds Chris Varvaras, an economist with Laurence H. Meyer & Associates in Clayton.

Economic statistics aren't brightening their outlook.

The gross national product, the value of goods and services produced by the U.S. economy, contracted 0.5 percent during the second quarter.

Meanwhile, layoffs have pushed the unemployment rate to 6.7 percent national and 7.2 percent here. As a result, consumer confidence has dropped for six consecutive months, contributing to the lackluster retail performance. During the back-to-school period, the second busiest time for retailers, sales at stores were up only at least one year increased, on average, a disappointing 1 to 2 percent.

Positive news includes five-month advances in industrial production, plus increases in the index of leading indicators and in personal income. Third quarter consumer spending, despite the poor back-to-school period, "will be positive," Qualls says.

Positive local news is the the addition of a third shift, about 1,000 jobs, at Chrysler Corp.'s minivan plant, and the announcement that minivan assembly will be moved into the larger (and now-shuttered) Fenton plant No. 1 for the 1992 model year.

Yet, just when the positive news threatens to overwhelm the negative, more bad news arrives. Consider durable goods orders, which climbed 10.7 percent in July, but then dropped 1.1 in 21 years, orders slipped 3.8 percent in August.

Negative local news includes the cutting of 400 jobs at Esco Corp., a defense contractor, and another 150 by a grocery wholesaler.

"Although the ballgame's not over, the economy got up to bat in August and struck out," says Varvaras, the economist at Laurence H. Meyer & Associates.

Even so, he maintains that lower interest rates "will be successful in reinvigorating the recovery" by the end of the year.

As goes the U.S. economy, so goes the St. Louis economy, which follows suit, thus, follows national trends, says Rik Hafer, economics professor at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Recovery will be slow, he explains, because government policymakers favor a slow

rebound that doesn't fuel inflation vs. a fast turnaround that ignites inflation and must be followed by attempts to rein in price increases.

The go-slow approach means unemployment will fall slowly, Hafer says. He points to the example of the 1982 recession, "a period of sustained economic growth unprecedented in economic history." Even with that growth, unemployment, which exceeded 10 percent in the 1982 recession, didn't fall to 6.7 percent—the same rate as today—until 1986, which was four years into the recovery.

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Signals that the St. Louis economy is improving come from Jefferson City, Mo., where Kruckemeyer, chief economist for the state's budget agency, tracks tax collections. Personal income tax and sales tax collections for the three months ended Sept. 30 were up about 2.5 percent.

"Things are looking better, but they're a long way from looking good," he says. His fiscal 1992 forecast foresees "modest improvement in revenue collections," the result of modest improvement in the Missouri economy. For the year ending June 30, Kruckemeyer predicts income taxes will be up 3.8 percent, sales taxes up about 3 percent.

Recovery will be slow, he explains, because government policymakers favor a slow

Homeowner who lost his job faces financial dilemma

Dear Mr. Campbell: In 1983 we purchased a home for \$63,000, 4 percent down and monthly payments of \$742 including taxes and insurance, an interest rate of 12.5 percent and a mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Three years later I lost my job of 17 years and was out of work for two years and unable to make my monthly payments. My FHA mortgage was then placed into escrow with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

During this time HUD placed me in a program that allowed me to keep my home by paying a minimum payment of \$100 a month up to a period of 36 months, and paying my own homeowner's insurance. During this time the unpaid interest continued to accrue.

After returning to work I have faced a true dilemma. My present mortgage payment has ballooned to \$862, not including homeowner's insurance. None of this applies to the accumulated interest of more than \$20,000. My home is in need of repair (roof, gutters and plumbing), but I'm unable to apply for a loan to make these repairs. HUD holds my mortgage. I can't sell because I would not be able to get enough to pay off the interest and have enough to purchase a home for my family. HUD gives me three choices: sell, return the deed or continue to pay. Any other options?

Answer: Not from where I'm standing. You're slipping back to foot for every loan you take. Burning a wad of some sort—and state lotteries aren't all that reliable—you are simply slipping deeper and deeper into a financial quagmire.

If HUD will accept your deed in lieu of foreclosure then that, definitely, is the way to go. You will have lost everything you've paid into the house, but turning back the deed will normally

keep your credit record clean and give you a fresh start—which, heaven knows, you need.

Dear Mr. Campbell: In a recent column you wrote that making a one-time prepayment of a 30-year, \$80,000 mortgage (at 12 percent) saves a full \$1,853 in total interest paid. Well, I paid about \$2,500 extra on my previous loan, but I refinanced my loan and do not pay any credit for the interest of 5.50%.

Answer: That's an aside. The approach to mortgage acceleration. Quite apart from the fact that lenders aren't equipped to accept interest prepayments—only principal prepayments—this approach is pretty self-defeating for you. The closest approach we have to it is the old "interest only" loan, which is purely a time-buying device calling for a balloon payment at the end of three, five or 10 years.

Look at it this way: In the first month of a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage at 10 percent (for which the monthly payment for principal and interest totals \$877.57) a flat \$833.33 of that is going to interest and only \$44.24 is going to principal. If the lender DID accept interest prepayments, what would you have gained by making this \$833.33 interest prepayment? Not a cockeyed thing. He's going to get that interest payment anyway, and you haven't cut down your mortgage balance by a single penny.

Five years down the road, if you decide to sell your house, you will still owe exactly as much as when you had without prepaying a thing. Remember that the savings in interest brought about by a mortgage acceleration is due to the fact that the prepayments are steadily reducing the principal on

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Chief executives' soaring salaries show no sign of slowing

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

The pace of chief executives of St. Louis-based companies, when compared to national figures, is moderate, if not modest. Charles Knight, chairman and chief executive of Emerson Electric Co. and the area's highest-paid executive, received salary and bonuses totaling \$1,774,288 last year.

That is 73 times the average St. Louisan's salary of \$24,258. And the multiplier is double. Compensation specialists estimate the average chief executive's 1990 cash compensation was 90 to 100 times the average employee's. The most vocal critics of executive compensation levels maintain the multiplier is actually 108.

In Japan, top CEOs—chief executive officers are the executives charged with day-to-day responsibility for running the company—earn 17 times more than their workers. In Germany and France, the multiplier is 25 and in Great Britain 35, explains Graet Crystal, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley.

"It is not hard to conclude that American CEOs and other senior American executives are paid too much," says Bill Nieman, financial analyst at Hutton-Teight Securities, Clayton. "We've really gotten to the silly season in executive compensation."

Public anger over executive compensation erupted this spring when proxy statements revealed hefty advances in executive compensation. The \$74.1 million paid Steven Ross, chairman of Home Depot Inc., chairman center stage in the compensation controversy.

The outcry led Congress and the Securities and Exchange Commission to weigh rules that would permit shareholders to challenge executive pay levels. Neither body has taken any action yet.

Compensation expert E. James Bierman predicts public anger at executive pay will boil over again next spring and every spring for the foreseeable future. Reason: Executive salaries show no signs of abating.

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Professor

In fact, those pay levels are likely to climb even higher, says Brennan, president of Brennan Thomas Associates in Chesterfield.

Executive salaries seem high and some are too high, defenders of executive pay admit. But they also say high compensation is necessary to attract the kind of CEO needed to make the tough decisions, such as ensuring continued growth in sales and profits and leading companies through recessions. That person is ultimately responsible for all the operations of an enterprise," Brennan says.

Executive pay has three components: base pay, an annual performance (\$80,000 of the \$1.7 million August A. Busch III earned in 1990 came as a year-end bonus), and long-term incentives such as stock options. Nieman says CEO pay is at the top of the rainbow.

Base pay typically is set by an employment contract: Knight's pay for a minimum salary of \$100,000 per year through 1993. Base pay also depends on the executive's experience, the scope of his responsibilities, industry pay trends and the size of the company he runs, says Sandra Perrin, a compensation specialist with Towers Perrin, a consulting firm.

In setting executive pay, "it is a matter of what the appropriate amount is," says Elliot Stein, the dean of St. Louis' school of directors. "If they (CEOs) perform, (workers, shareholders, the community) all benefit."

Critics, backed by academic studies, argue that base pay rarely reflects performance.

Indeed, executive compensation increased 7 percent last year, while corporate profits slid 7 percent.

Salary ratchets upward again when directors seek a replacement. "It's a self-reinforcing notion that, to attract a talented executive capable of navigating the economic mine field, the company must offer more than the \$1 million that was paid to the dismissed executive."

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Fireplaces need regular cleaning

By Jim Vykopal

It is that time of year to have the fireplace and chimney checked and cleaned by a chimney sweep or service contractor. A thorough chimney inspection will reveal creosote buildup and defects, such as cracks in the liner that could cause a fire and allow it to spread to the living room.

Wood fires produce creosote that build up on the chimney liner. Creosote is a shiny, black tar-like substance that can create a fire if it reaches temperatures up to 2,000°F. This type of fire is difficult to extinguish and can damage the fireplace, chimney liner, bricks and mortar.

Wood-burning fireplaces should be cleaned a minimum of once a year. If they're used as a constant source of heat, they should be cleaned more often. A good rule of thumb is to have the chimney cleaned after every cord of hardwood that is burned.

Pine and other soft, resinous woods are not recommended for fireplaces because they produce too much creosote. These trees have plentiful resinous wood such as oak and hickory. Both are good hardwoods and suitable for home fireplaces.

It's a good idea to have a certified chimney sweep do a smoke test and check the framing materials around the chimney.

Check the firebox for loose, cracked or missing bricks. Bricks larger than one-quarter inch and loose or damaged bricks need to be repaired. These repairs require special heat resistant materials and should be left to a qualified mason.

A smoky fireplace and excessive soot buildup are symptoms of poor draw. Check for limbs or other obstructions near the chimney top.

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Royal treatment — "Royal Classics" is a wallcovering collection introduced in England that features rich statements of elegance. The majesty unfolds in a panorama of solid vinyls and coordinating fabrics. According to the National Decorating Products Association, colors and patterns from around the globe will be a greater part of home decorating in the '90s.

Compose a list of priorities when choosing a house

By Stephen Advocat
Knight-Ridder News Service

The first thing Nick and Mary Lou Sabol did to look for a new house was sit down, pull out a map of the area, and start sifting through the neighborhoods they weren't interested in.

"What was most important for us was access to our jobs, access to highways, and even though we don't have any kids, the school district was very important," said Nick Sabol, a 33-year-old computer manager in Southfield, Mich.

By now, Sabol should know. He's bought and sold four homes in the last eight years, and picking one near a good school district means when it's time to sell, he can show it to families and singles alike.

Housing experts say the Sabols have their priorities in order.

Before you ever get into your car to scout the area, before you call a real estate agent or banker or attorney, and long before you start to lay out welcome mats at the hardware store, limit the area of your search.

"You could look forever," warns Peter Anderson, a banker

and author of the recently published, "A Consumer's Guide to Home Buying & Mortgage Financing" (Anderson Distributing, \$16.95). "Sit down and make a list what you are looking for in a community. You may be looking for an acre, and a half and the wife is looking for something in the city."

Once you agree on a lifestyle, eliminate the areas that don't qualify and start talking to friends, neighbors, bankers you deal with, anyone you think will have a point of view about a good place to live.

What should you keep in mind?

It would be helpful to have cultural facilities within easy access. And a movie house with in a few minutes' drive is nice, too.

City facilities, such as police and fire, close at hand are a must.

When you find yourself left with a manageable number of

areas to consider, take a trip to the city clerk's or township office to learn if there are any plans for the area that could affect the value of the housing, for example a laundromat or an apartment complex.

Checking the local building inspection department is another safeguard that the castle you want to buy isn't about to be torn down for next year's expressway.

You also should decide about now if you want to use a realty agent.

An agent will make your search easier because he or she will know the area and should be able to match your needs to the homes there.

But remember, agents work for the seller, not the buyer. There is little point in asking them how much they think the seller will come down in price. The more the house sells for, the

greater the agent's commission — often about six percent of the price.

Finding a good realty agent can be intimidating.

Experts say the best way is still to go with friends, Ask friends, neighbors, relatives, anyone with home buying experience, for recommendations.

"Referrals are still our main way of getting new business," said Roberta Scabassi, president of the Downriver Board of Realtors and co-owner of Real Estate Unlimited in Allen Park (Michigan).

Then when you should ask questions such as: How long has he or she been a realty agent? Does he or she use multiple listings? These listings give agents access to many houses in the surrounding area.

"Good realtors also must be good listeners," said Scabassi. "If you want a ranch and I keep

Checking downspouts, gutters can prevent most wet basements

By Jim Vykopal

Wet basements in St. Louis are as common as winter colds. But there are ways to prevent most wet basements.

The homeowner can do several things to stop the water before it gets to the outside of the foundation, and that's starting with the action of the water.

When foundations are built, the contractor digs a hole larger than the foundation to install the form work. The "overhang" is backfilled and normally, poorly connected.

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Overflowing or leaking gutters and downspouts that empty next to the foundation are a major problem.

Keep gutters clean and in good repair. Downspout extensions should direct the water away from the foundation at least five feet.

Many older homes have downspouts that empty into underground drain pipes. These pipes often get cracked or clogged with tree roots forcing the water against the foundation.

Driveways and sidewalks can settle and tip toward the house. Once again, a proper slope should be maintained even if it means replacing pavement. Paved areas should slope away at a rate of one quarter of an inch per foot.

Park gardens and flower beds, especially those that are elevated and kept in place with railroad ties, contribute to water

problems. A subsurface drain will collect the surface water and drain it away from the house.

Water in the basement is not only a nuisance, it may mean the structural stability of the foundation is being undermined by the action of the water.

If the above methods fail to correct the problem, costly waterproofing repairs should be considered only as a last resort. This involves applying a waterproofing material applied to the exterior of the foundation and incorporates a subsurface drain that will carry the water away before it reaches the foundation walls.

Interior drainage systems are very expensive. They involve breaking out the basement floor around the perimeter of the foundation and installing drain pipes that collect the water and empty into a sump pit. The water is then pumped outside with a sump pump.

This type of system is needed when there is a high water table and water is penetrating the floor slab.

Another source of water is condensation. A simple test will point to the culprit. Tape a piece of aluminum foil to the area where you suspect water is coming in. Wait 24 hours to check the foil. If there is water on the surface of the foil, the problem is condensation.

A dehumidifier probably will solve the problem. If the water is between the foil and the wall, there is a water penetration problem.

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Video guide helps decorators

Itching to redecorate, but afraid of making costly mistakes? You're not alone.

"Fear of decorating is a common phobia," says Patricia Treiber Shaw, home furnishings fashion consultant for JCPenney Catalog. She has helped many a neophyte decorator discover her own personal style and learn the fundamentals of interior design.

She made certain her expertise was reflected in a home decorating video entitled "Room to Room: Creating the Home of Your Dreams." The video provides a range of creative decorating ideas and a host of "how-to" tips to simplify the planning process and solve decorating dilemmas.

The video unveils the basic secrets of decorating: how to measure rooms to mix and match styles and to use color to unify a room. To select a color scheme, she recommends starting with a favorite painting or photograph or picking up colors from print draperies or upholstery. She emphasizes the importance of testing paint samples to be certain "it's a color you can live with long-term."

Shaw suggests painting large sheets of paper— even newspaper will do—and taping them to a wall. Then live with them a few days to see how colors look in different times of day before making a selection. "Most people choose colors using the little paint swatches they get at the paint store. A color that's wonderful in a swatch can overwhelm when it's an entire wall," she said. "I always advise people to use color you're trying to match but one or two shades lighter, particularly when painting a large area."

The 27-minute video, which is packaged with a complementary 24-page booklet, details how three families each decorated a room of their home— living, dining room, bedroom, and family room or great room. For each room, the owners determine how they want the room to function and identify

"Fear of decorating is a common phobia."

— Patricia Treiber Shaw
Home fashions consultant

the decorating problems they need to overcome. They then clarify their taste preferences and plan a functional room that works.

The video and booklet present creative, yet practical decorating ideas and step-by-step instructions for carrying them through. Here are a few examples:

Before hanging pictures, outline them on paper and mark where the hanger is. Cut out the shapes and tape them to the wall in various arrangements until you find the right combination. This method is more accurate than eyeing the placement and prevents making a lot of unnecessary holes in the wall.

To plan your living space, draw a floor plan to scale using grid paper. One-fourth inch on the grid will equal one foot. Measure existing furniture and planned new pieces. Pencil in several furniture combinations until you find the one that allows the best traffic flow.

In addition to detailing a wealth of decorating shorts, the new video guide is designed to provide inspiration and help reduce the anxiety often associated with decorating. "Our goal is to convey just how much fun home decorating can be," Shaw said.

The video is available for \$19.95 by calling 1-800-222-6161, and ordering item number TA953-0280A.

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Stains beautify interiors, too

As fall approaches, outside activities move indoors and off of porches, decks and patios.

Stains that were used to preserve and beautify these exterior surfaces at the beginning of the summer also can move indoors and do the same for handrails, cabinets, furniture, wooden doors, and even metal and fiberglass

Stains now come in a variety of finishes offering everything from pickled and white-washed looks to deep stains.

Blonde woods are particularly popular, appearing in kitchen and bath cabinets, crown moulding, wood floors and trim.

Regardless of the look desired, however, it is sure to be a stain to create it.

Clear finishes protect the wood without adding color.

Semi-transparent stains contain a small amount of pigment which alters the color of the wood but does not hide its grain or texture.

Generally, semi-transparents are available in natural or wood tones.

Solid-color stains, on the other hand, are made with higher color concentration.

Hiding the grain but not the texture, solid stains cover more like paint and are available in nearly as many colors including pastels, slate, and deeper tones.

Pigmented wiping stains also come in a wide range of colors. Easy to apply, these finishes are particularly effective for making

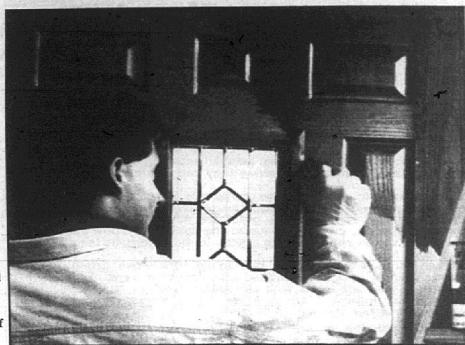


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A do-it-yourselfer uses stain on a fiberglass door to achieve a wood-grain appearance.

the entire surface uniform in color.

They also are useful for matching the color of one wood with another, such as a mantelpiece, for example, with a nearby handrail.

There is a wide variety of stains for a wide variety of both indoor and outdoor projects, but all have something in common.

Since stains penetrate the wood, they tend not to peel. And indoor stains tend to have a longer life expectancy than outdoor stains.

For more information on stains and their application, contact your local home improvement center.

Surface preparation key to refinishing

By Al Schneider
Central Hardware's Mr. Tinker

The majority of refinishing work from exterior wood siding to grandma's antique rocker, is in surface preparation. Any finish is only as good as the surface to which it is bonded.

Removing old paint or varnish takes time, patience and muscle power. Do-it-yourselfers can remove finish with chemical strippers, heat and abrasives.

The most commonly used method is abrasives, better known as sandpaper, steel wool or sandblasting. A power sander can cut the human muscle power needed to remove the amount of time spent. However, if you aren't careful, abrasives can cut through old finishes fast and damage the wood you are trying to preserve.

If you are working with a clear finish of varnish, shellac or lacquer, I suggest avoiding abrasives. Instead, use a power sander with a fine-grit, closed coat abrasive on an end grain cutting block. Remove the finish, switch to silicone carbide, a closed-coat, fine abrasive.

For furniture refinishing, I prefer to use a more expensive degreased steel wool specifically meant for this purpose. Regular steel wool has a thin grease coating as a result of the way it is made. If you use standard steel wool, wipe the surface clean with solvent or mineral spirits before you begin the task of applying a new finish.

remove the finish too fast and can ruin wood before you know it. When working on thick finish, use a power sander with an open-cut, flint sandpaper. When you've finished the finish, switch to silicone carbide, a closed-coat, fine abrasive.

Finally, once you've finished sanding with abrasives, remove the residue with a vacuum or solvent, such as mineral spirits, turpentine or alcohol. Tack rags, used by most professionals, are excellent for removing abrasive debris.

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Insulated attic worth the cost

By Peter Hotton
Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. My attic is very low, with hardly room to sit up in, so I will have to blow insulation blown in instead of trying to crawl around putting in batts or rolls. Besides, the trap door is so small that it would be difficult to get in or roll through it. A contractor will blow insulation for 65 cents a square foot, up to 8 inches thick. Is this worth doing? — B.D.

A. It certainly is, and the cost is reasonable. Considering 8-inch fiberglass batts or rolls cost 25 to 30 cents a square foot. The main thing to be aware of is not to have insulation blown in the eaves; that is, where the roof overhangs the wall. If insulation is blown in that area, serious condensation of moisture could occur, causing bigger problems than you have now. To prevent the insulation from blowing off, ifiles are inserted between each set of joists near the overhang. It's an easy thing to do, despite the restricted space in the attic, and is essential to a good job.

Q. I'd like to paint the wood paneling in my family room, but the paneling is solid wood, with some knots, and lots of holes and fissures; some of them a half inch deep and 2 inches wide. Can I fill those areas with joint compound, sand smooth and paint? — A.S.

A. It is unlikely that this will work. The wood will expand and contract and the joint compound will break up and look worse than the paneling does now. The paneling sounds like the "pecky cypress" popular years back.

You have several choices: 1) Wash the paneling with paint

thinner, apply shellac to the knots to prevent their bleeding through the paint, apply a coat of latex paint, sand the paneling and finish with a flat or eggshell finish latex wall paint. The texture of the paneling will show, but at least it will be light in color. 2) Fill the depressions and holes with joint compound, sand smooth and apply a heavy, "cover-all" type of wallpaper, which can be painted. Or, put up Wall-Tex type paper that can be painted.

Putting plasterboard directly on the paneling is not a good idea because it may interfere with the baseboard heating units.

3) Take off the paneling and put up a plasterboard. This is a major undertaking. Putting plasterboard directly on the paneling is not a good idea because it may interfere with the baseboard heating units; also, the thickness of the plasterboard will bring up against window and door frames will give them an indented look, and spoil the style of the room.

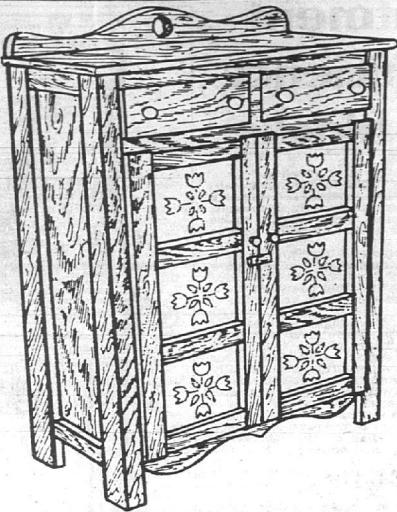
Q. I discovered some sawdust around a piece of furniture I bought 8 to 10 months ago, and small holes in the wood. Are these signs of insect damage, and how can I get rid of them? Will they go to other wood furniture in the house? — F.C.

A. There certainly may be, and they may be powder post beetles or their larvae. Even though the purchase was made so long ago, I'd take back to the dealer. You could try this, however: Invert the furniture so the holes are facing up and paint the holes with paint thinner, making sure the thinner goes literally into the holes. This will not hurt the furniture (it might dull the finish, which can be restored by lightly rubbing with a cloth), but may kill the critters that are in there. Then again the insects may be long gone, and the sawdust just recently made its appearance. Rubbing alcohol will kill them, getting alcohol or bleach on the finish; use an eye dropper to put it into the holes. Insects, if any, could get into other furniture but I doubt it is a problem.

Q. My cedar fence is 15 years old and in good shape, but is discolored (black, reddish and other nondescript colors), plus what looks like a white fungus. How can I clean it to make it look like new wood, and keep it that way? — R.F.

A. Some of the dark colors are due to weathering, but the black is probably from mildew and the white fungus is also a form of mildew. Bleach will kill the mildew and lighten the wood. Make a mix of 1 part bleach and 4 parts water, and paint this on the entire fence. Let it dry. If you like the way the fence looks after this, leave it.

If not, rinse the bleach off and apply CWF (Clear Wood Finish) in stain in paint stores. This will restore weathered wood to a new look and keep it that way.



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Do some comparison shopping when it comes to choosing a mortgage

By Stephen Advokat
Knight-Ridder News Service

If you usually pay whatever people ask and now are closing on a new home, let your mortgage be the reason to discover the power of comparison shopping.

It might not seem like much to drop one-quarter percent, but over the life of a 30-year mortgage, that move can save you a bundle.

How important is it?

"Extremely," says Al King, senior vice president and manager in the mortgage department of First Federal of Michigan.

For example, suppose you have a choice between a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage at either 9 percent or 9 1/4 percent. By dropping one-quarter percent, you'd save \$18.00 a month. However, your total savings would be about \$6,500 in interest, adding all those \$18.00 months for the life of the loan.

Low interest rates on the mortgage are only one facet of comparison shopping on the loan.

Different lenders charge different fees on their loans. Some offer lower interest rates, but take on points, each equaling

one percent of the loan. Others charge fees if any points, but hike their interest rates.

In the 1970s, the federal government ruled that lenders had to provide consumers with an amortization schedule that reflected both the loan and fees of obtaining the loan. That's the rate you should ask for when trying to determine whose is the best.

"People call up and say, 'What is your rate?'" says King. "But the true rate search ought to be for an annual percentage rate which involves the interest rate plus the fees and costs to acquire the loan as interest."

Important as rates are, they're not the only thing to consider when it's time for the mortgage.

"The thing you should be looking at in addition to the dollars is who are you dealing with," says Ron Melnick, vice president in the mortgage department of Standard Federal in Michigan.

"What kind of servicing are they going to get, how convenient will it be to deal with these people?"

Melnick notes that acquiring the mortgage may only be the beginning, not the end, of your relationship with the lending

institution.

If, during the life of the loan, you can't make a payment, you may appreciate the proximity of a local lender.

Also consider other features that most lenders offer.

Can you make additional, penalty-free payments against the principal of the loan, should you decide to build equity in the mortgage?

What fees are involved in the mortgage? And can you make a 13th payment one year if you choose to increase your income tax interest deduction?

The guidelines for qualifying

for a mortgage are generally uniform.

Your housing expense — principal, interest, taxes and insurance — should not be more than 28 percent of your stable monthly gross income.

Gambling winnings or a little extra overtime one month won't count.

"Stable" also means you've been on the job at least two years.

The second measure to qualify for a loan involves reviewing your total debt.

Prospective home owners with a sizable income but tremendous

Duct use key to heating

Does this ever happen in your house? The thermostat indicates that it's warm enough, but you still feel chilly and uncomfortable. If so, maybe your heating outlets are located in the wrong place. suggests the Better Heating-Cooling Council.

Although comfort is a subjective feeling and may vary from person to person, there are criteria which are accepted as standard.

For instance, people are most comfortable when there is a minimum difference in the temperature between the floor and ceiling.

Tests conducted at the University of Illinois demonstrate that hydronic (water-based) baseboard heating panels, when installed along outside walls, especially under the windows, are particularly effective in minimizing temperature differences between floors and ceilings. There is a uniformity of warmth throughout the room, and the baseboard panels act as a barrier against cold drafts when they are installed at the perimeter of the house.

Another important comfort tip: locate all thermostats away from direct contact with heat and sunlight.

This permits them to accurately record the temperature in the room.

"We do an appraisal of the property," says Melnick.

"We'll also order a credit report. During the process we would have ordered title insurance on the property to make sure it is clear and a property survey to determine that there are no encroachments on someone else's property line."

This takes about three weeks and it's not cheap.

Fees run about \$250, and they're usually non-refundable, so you don't want to formally apply unless you have a reasonable expectation of being approved.

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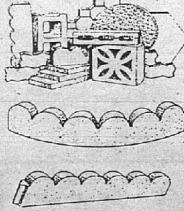
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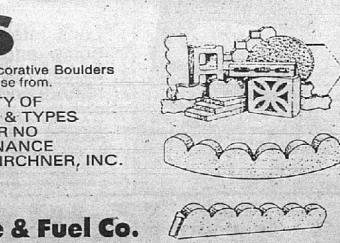
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Edmunds describes the rose's scent as intensely sweet and quite unforgettable.

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A touch of outdoors — Perk up a room with a cutting from this new award-winning rose, the Amber Queen.

Autumn is good time to clean spa

By Al Schneider
Central Hardware's Mr. Tinker

Pools and spas are fairly expensive items that require maintenance and attention to make them as reliable as possible.

Simple off-season care is as important to the life of your spa and pool as are regular summer cleaning and chemical treatments.

If you've been maintaining your pool properly all summer, then you'll have a log of the chemicals you've added and the problems you've run into during the warmer months.

Fall is the perfect time to make needed repairs and to check your supplies.

This time of year there are great bargains on pool and spa supplies.

Stock up for next year.

If you've maintained a log book of the chemicals, methods, problems and material used during the summer, you'll be able to estimate your needs for next year, to prevent shortages and to correct problems.

Start by draining, cleaning and partially refilling the pool or spa to prevent freeze damage this winter.

This is especially important for wooden hot tubs that may not be in use this winter.

Empty wood hot tubs will shrink and crack.

They must be partially filled at all times. In addition, I

recommend oiling the outside of the tub. Summer heat can cause the tannins in the wood to leach out and damage the wood surfaces.

Never oil the inside of a wooden hot tub. A porous wood surface is necessary in order to absorb water for a tight seal.

Refilled pools should be super chlorinated to stay clean and healthy during the winter.

A pool cannot be used after super chlorinating. To chlorinate correctly, simply add chlorine and test until the free chlorine levels are at least ten times the normal level or about 10 ppm.

Several days may pass before chlorine levels drop below 2.5 ppm, the safe level for re-entering the water.

Hot tubs should never be super chlorinated. The excess chlorine can cause the wood fibers to break down and rot.

Extra cleaning and scrubbing will keep the hot tubs clean and fit for use.

For the best results, I suggest cleaning your pools or spas at least four times a year.

Hot tubs and spas can be used ten times more than an outdoor pool.

In addition, they always have more people in less water at higher temperatures. These factors lead to increased bacteria growth and a potential for a health hazard.

To avoid problems, follow the specific operating and cleaning

instructions of the manufacturer.

Remember that a partially filled pool or spa can be a danger to a swimmer.

Take the necessary precautions, such as locking doors and gates, and using a pool cover to prevent accidents.

Fall also is the time to check pumps, filters and lines to make sure they are thoroughly drained and covered.

Good pool and spa covers should not promote sweating.

If the cover traps water, it may freeze in winter, swell in important parts and break your expensive motor seals and lines.

Take the time to scrub all of the filters and to store them in a dry area of the winter.

Autumn also is time to lubricate all of the valves and leave them partially open to encourage drainage.

Prepare and paint any surfaces that need it. Pool paints take a lot of time to cure.

Painting this fall will allow them to cure and seal over the winter.

Remember, any pool painting job is only as good as the surface.

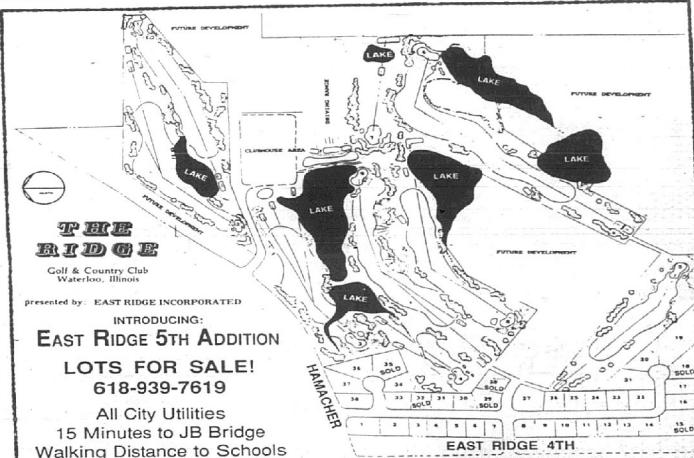
Before you paint, clean the surface with the chemicals recommended by the pool manufacturer and follow the manufacturer's specifications.

Using these tips, your pool or spa should work swimmingly next spring.

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Fabric styles provide variety for decorators

Decorating trends are usually inhibitive, requiring followers of fashion to pigeon-hole their tastes into the most popular definition of style. Today's fabric trends, however, offer consumers the freedom to choose from a wide range of colors, styles and designs — at the window and in the rest of the room — to create a truly individualized look that fits their own lifestyle.

According to the National Decorating Products Association, which represents 8,000 independent decorating centers nationwide, the only restriction on current trends may be refinement. "Decorating Retailer," the association's monthly trade magazine, interviewed fabricators and manufacturers of window treatments who reported that while just a few years ago in fabric these days, the trend is toward an elegant, scaled-down look.

But there is plenty of selection even here. Pinch-pleated draperies, festoons, cascades, swags and jabots, puddles, side panels, valances, and polo swags, custom upholstery, boudoirs, bedspreads and table runners can all make personalized statements. Consumers can select any of these and many other treatments and still create a look that is stylish.

Contributing to an elegant look at the window are trim and other embellishments. Tassels, fringes, rosettes and tiebacks give a finishing touch, while saying "custom."

Customization is a key trend for the '90s. This word may mean a combination of "expensive," but new printing technology has made expensive-looking fabrics affordable. Richly-textured jacquard, tapestry, and damask prints are now within reach of the average consumer because they're printed, not woven.

Overall, there is a growing acceptance within all fabric categories for bold, colorful and more patterns, said suppliers. Decorative prints are strong and allow consumers to put their own signature on the decor.

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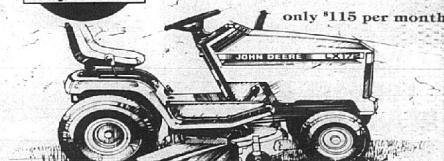
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